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Correspondence

LETTERS SENT BY THE DIRECTOR AND THE SUPERINDENTENT OF THE MINT, 1866-1900

Sept. 29, 1873 - Sept. 27, 1875

Box 4 NC-152 Entry 6

U.S. MINT

LETTERS

No. 11.

From Feb'y 28th 1874

To Aug'st 15th 1874

Feby 28 4

Sir

On the 27th inst. I deposited with the Asst Treasurer U.S. at New York to the credit of the Treasurer U.S. $874,791.63/100 the proceeds of the recoinage of $878,877.50 light gold coin, (chant of weight) received from you the 17th of January last, and have to day forwarded the b/s to the Secretary of the Treasury.

I herewith enclose the Mint Memorandum, No. 80.

Very Respectfully
Jas Pollock
Superintendent

A. Edwards Esq
Asst Treasurer U. S.
St Louis
Mo.

Feby 28 74

Sir

Enclosed I forward

1. Statement of Minor coins Redeemed. Reissued. and Exchanged at this Mint during the month of February 1874.

2. Statement of Coinage executed at this Mint during the month of February 1874.

3. Weekly Report of the coinage at this Mint for the week ending February 28. 1874.

Very Respectfully

A. Loudon Snowden

Superintendent

Hon.

H. R Linderman.

Director of the Mint

Washington

D.C.

Feby 28 4

Sir

The report of the Asst Treasurer U.S. at New York. Mr Hillhouse of the examination of $322.500. gold coin, (part of 1701.000.) received from the Asst Treasurer U.S. at St Louis. Mo. has been received. with request to examine and report.

As the weighing of these gold coins was done in the Department of the Coiner, by the weighers and adjusters therein. I referred your letter and documents to him for information and reply. I enclose his answer, which explains fully the weighing here.

In addition to what he h said I may add, that the $10.91 of "exact legal weight" are strictly

within the legal standard, and no law, or authority founded on law, exists by which their recoinage can be required.

As to the $8.470. These coins may, or may not, be too light, as our weighers are experts: but if too light, then the explanation would be as stated by the Coiner, that in reweighing in the Deposit room, a box of light pieces was inadvertently thrown in with those of legal standard weight.

As the California pieces - filled and light coin are returned here we will melt and recoin them, and send proceeds to the Asst Treasurer at New York, or make such other disposition of them, as may be directed.

Very Respectfully

Hon
Wm. A. Richardson.
Secretary of the Treasury

Supt

Mar 2nd 41

Sir

Please draw your Transfer Order for the Sum of Fifteen Thousand (15.000) Dollars for payment in part of withdrawals from the Minor Coinage Redemption Fund for melting and Recoinage.

Very Respectfully

J. W. Pollock
Supt

Hon. T. E. Upham
Asst Secy U. S.
Washington
D C

Feby 28 4

Sir

At the close of business this day I made the usual monthly count and examination of the monies in the hands of the Cashier of the Mint, with the following result:

Gold	$713.312.67
Silver	54.824.68
Ordinary a/c. regular	21.084.74
" " Minor Coinage	2.042.60
Minor Coinage	66.390.94
" Coins Exchanged	849.50
" " Reissued	12.900.00
" Coinage Redemption fund.	106.701.90
Total	$977.607.03

which corresponds with his books.

I also made examination into the general condition, and

operations of the Mint, and the Institution was found to be in good working order, and its business conducted in a careful and satisfactory manner.

Very Respectfully,
Jas Pollock
Superintendent

Hon.
H. R. Linderman.
Director of the Mint.
Washington
D.C.

March 2 ~

Sir -

Yours of the 23 d ult. and box of specimens, have been recd.

Upon examination it proves to be limestone with slight shining crystalline points, of no value.

Yours Respty

[illegible]

Mr Wm Lobdell
Quincy
Ills

March 2d 4

Sir

Enclosed herewith I forward a tabular Statement of the daily melting of Silver and Gold in the Melter & Refiner's Department during the month of January 1874, embracing the amounts operated on; the amount of ingots delivered to the Superintendent; the Wastage, exclusive of proof assay slips and some grains all expressed in standard ounces.

I also enclose a copy of an explanatory letter from the Melter & Refiner to which I invite your attention.

Very Respectfully

J. W. Potter

Superintendent

Hon H. R. Linderman

Director of the Mint

Washington D.C.

March 27

Sir

Referring to your letter of the [illegible] ultimo, I herewith transmit a communication from the Comptroller of the Currency showing the number of shares and values pertaining this of the calendar year 1870. That which at the end of the year destroyed, and the number of shares this in good working order that were retired.

In the case of any bank I transmit to your office, a carefully prepared and technically accurate statement as required by the 3rd section of the Currency Act that the above mentioned dies of 1870 had not been paid in full and as the case that the law required

I did not know that a detailed list of the number and denominations would be expected or it would have been forwarded at the time.

Very Respectfully
Jas. Ross
Superintendent

Hon.
Hy. R. Linderman.
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

March 2 - 4

Sir

Your duplicate bills for $26.
for Ryan expenses at Indian Commissioner were forwarded to the
Director of the Mint, at Washington
and having received his approval
I am now ready to issue a warrant
for their payment. But as a receipt
must be signed, by some one for
you, at the foot of the warrant
I return the bills herewith, for
your signature on the back, authorizing Mr Eckfeldt, Asst Treas
to receive the money for you.
You cannot be here in person

In returning the bills I am
be pleased to state how you pro-
pose having the money forwarded
to you.

If you had signed the pay-
roll with the other Commissioner
all this trouble would have been
avoided.

Very Respectfully
Jas Lee

H. G. Torrey, Esq
Ass't Asst U. S. Assay office.
New York.

March 2 4

Dear Sir

Your letter (marked private) of the 27th ult. in reference to the Jefferson Indian Peace Medal for Ex Gov Lyon, has been received.

The official letter you say you wrote the same day ordering one such medal for him, has not been received.

No letter from the Secretary of the Treasury to me, or any one here, ordering such medal for Gov Lyon, was ever received. The only correspondence on the subject was between the Coiner, Mr Snowden, and Mr Knox. In Mr Knoxs letter, (which letter cannot be found) it was stated that the Secretary of the Treasury desired the medal to be struck. No written authority from

the Secretary was also drawn; only verbal. and this communicated by Mr Knox to the Coiner.

I enclose you the Coiners letters to Mr Knox, and myself, which contains a history of the transaction.

The medal was made refused by Gen Lyon as exacting too much: is there in the Coiners fault? and who under these circumstances, he should now request another medal. I cannot understand.

The Coiner in his letter to Mr Knox, March 24, 93. has expressed my views of the propriety of striking honorary medals in the original metal. It takes away the especial honor, and defeats the object contemplated in the making and preservation of such medals.

If communications were addressed

the Superintendent on such subject, it would more accord with official etiquette and the rules governing the Institution.

Very Respectfully

Jas. Orcutt

Superintendent

Hon.
W. R. Lindeman.
Director of the Mint.
Washington
D.C.

March 24

Sir

At the request of Dr Linderman Director of the Mint. I have had an extra Assay Medals prepared for yourself and other friends of the late Dr. Torrey, associated with him in the Assay office, the cost of which will be one dollar in currency. each. If these medals will be taken at that price by you, for parties in the Assay office, please advise me, and I will forward them to you by Express. C. O. D.

Very Respectfully

Jas. Pollock

Supt Mint

Thos. L. Nelson Esq
Supt Assay office
New York

March 2 4

Sir-

Referring to your letter of the 7th of February ultimo, I have to state that the accompanying piece of ore could not be analyzed at an earlier day on account of the Annual Assay, and the pressure of other official duties on the part of our Assayer.

I herewith enclose the Assayers report of the assay of the specimen, and its estimated value per ton.

Very Respectfully

[signature]
Superintendent

Hon.
H. R. Linderman
Director of the Mint.
Washington
D.C.

Mar 2 4

Result of the examination of a specimen of galena (locality not stated) sent through Hon N.R. Anderson, Director, Febry 6th.

The ore contains silver, four hundred and sixty one ounces per ton of 2000 lbs. say $594.- at the old dollar rate.

Only a trace of gold.

Mint charge $5.- currency.

R Eckfeldt's
Assayer

Hon James Pollock
Supt &c

Report of Official Postage Stamps
used in February, 1874.

Philadelphia
March 2. 74

February

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Jas. Pollock

Mar 3 4

Dear Sir

The specimen you send is an alloy of silver and copper, worth about 15 cents. We do not believe it is an ore, but simply a piece of melted metal, and therefore of no interest.

Yours respy

J. A. Pearce
Supt 4th

Mr Wm J. Clarkson
Peru. Howard Co
Md.

Mar 3 4

Dear Sir

We cannot supply
the specimens you ask for.

Possibly you can get them
at the U.S. Assay Office, New York.

Yours respy

Jas Ross
Supt

Wm L. Elwyn
New York.

March 3 4

Sir

I duly received your letter of the 26th of Feby. ultimo, suggesting a revision, and if practicable, a reduction in the amount of the Estimate heretofore submitted of the sums that would probably be required to meet deficiencies in the appropriation for Wages of Workmen and Contingent Expenses during the current fiscal year.

In reply I have to state that when the Estimate referred to was made up, the Mint was running largely overtime, under the heaviest pressure, and turning out the largest amount of Coinage per month ever known in the hist

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of the institution, and if that scale of operations had been continued, the deficiency appropriation called for would have been absolutely necessary to enable the Mint to meet the exceptionally heavy demands made upon it.

The pressure for silver coinage continues heavy, and will keep us very busy, but there has been a falling off in the extraordinary demand for gold coinage, and if our present average coinage is to continue until the close of the fiscal year, there can be a material reduction in the appropriations that may be needed to meet deficiencies. I have given the subject a very careful and anxious re-examination, and after consultation with the operative

departments

departments of the Mint, and taking into consideration past experience, and reasonable contingencies. I have come to the conclusion, and in this I am sustained by the unanimous judgment of the department officers, that our estimates for deficiencies cannot prudently be fixed at a less sum than as follows, viz.

For Wages of Workmen $35.000
" Contingent Expenses 8.000

and that modified estimate I now submit for the consideration of the proper authorities. I do not think it would be safe to fix a less amount in view of the demands of the government and of the public, that should be promptly met.

I have received notice from

the city authorities that expensive granite curbing will be required at once for the pavement on the Juniper street side of the Mint. to conform with other improvements on that street. and our engineer notified me yesterday. that our engine, which has been running some five years will soon need extensive repair

I should perhaps add here that I have enforced. and shall continue to enforce. the most stringent economy in the expenditures of the Mint. consistent with the efficiency of its operation

Whatever sums remain unexpended at the close of the fiscal year will course be covered into the Treasury

Very Respectfully

Hon. H. R. Linderman.
Director of the Mint.

Superintendent

March 3 4

Sir

Enclosed I forward the Report of Mr Du Bois, our Assayer, of Single coins (special) of this Mint for January and February 1874; and of San Francisco and Carson Mints for January 1874.

The result is very satisfactory

Very Respectfully

[signature]
Superintendent

Hon.
H. R. Linderman.
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

March 4 4

Sir

Your letter of the 3 d inst. in reference to the Jefferson medal struck for Gov Lyons, has been received.

The letter you mention authorizing the manufacture of such a medal was never received by me. Please send me duplicate of same, or such definite authority for its manufacture and delivery as is necessary.

Very Respectfully

J. A. Bryant

Superintendent

Hon.
H. R Linderman.
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

March 7

Sir

Your returned bills for $25. Refunded as Indian Commissioner was received this morning and paid.

I herewith forward the amount to you by the Adams Express company, as requested.

Very Respectfully

Jos. Casey
Supt

H. G. Torry, Esq
Indian Office, U.S.
New York

March 7 7

Sir

In reply to your letter of
Feb 28th. received this morning,
I have to say that the Mint would
not undertake refining gold con-
taining bismuth, and we know
no method of separating gold
and bismuth economically, so as
to save both metals.

The only minute work on the
assay of gold and silver is the
Cupellation (French) but it is of little
use to a learner unless he takes
lessons from a practical Tester.

Very Respectfully
Jos. Pugh
Supt

Mr. Leland Colburn.
736. State Street
Chicago
Ill.

Mch 7 7

Sir

I have this morning received and approved and issued a warrant for the payment of the amount of your bill against the Admt $2.00 for subscription to the State Journal. also which block. & Hickok. receipt for the amount to the bookkeeper and I now include you my individual check for the amount of your order on the Farmers and Mechanics Bank of this City.

Very Respectfully

Supt

To Wm Jones. Esq
Pub. State Journal.
Harrisburg
Pa

March 9 7

Sir

Your letter of the 8d inst. in relation to the various operations in bullion here and at the New York assay office, has been received.

It is very desirable that the bullion refined at New York should, if possible, be brought to a condition suitable for coinage, without deposit melting here; but, unless this is done fully and perfectly, it should not be received here without remelting. Our present experience confirms this proposition.

I hope some rules or regulations may be established in the manner indicated in your letter-

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so that all differences between the Mint and Assay office may be avoided.

I referred your letter to our Melter & Refiner and Assayer, and enclose copies of their replies. They both approve the suggestion of a council of the officers; and for the reasons stated in Mr Booth's letter, it would be better to bring Mr Mason here. If these Gentlemen cannot agree, I will send for you, and between us we can adjust the differences, and establish the necessary rules.

Very Respectfully
A. Loudon Snowden
Superintendent

Hon.
H. R. Linderman.
Director of the Mint
Washington, D.C.

Mch 5 4

Sir

I have this day transferred Joseph M. Hill. from the Blacksmith shop to the Machine shop - where his services are needed - at the same pay $3.00 per diem; and submit the same for your approval.

Very Respectfully
C. A. Leach
Superintendent

Hon.
H. R. Linderman
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C

March 6th 4

Sir.

I forward this day my Bullion and Coinage a/c's for the 4th quarter 1873. Enclosed please find Express receipt for the same.

Very Respectfully
Jas. P. Slack
Supt

Hon H. R. Linderman
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

March 6 4

Sir

Referring to your letter of the 4th inst. (R. L.) I enclose herewith b/d No 00022. March 6 1874. from the Asst Treasurer U.S at New York. in my favor, for three hundred and fourteen thousand, and fifty three Dollars. ($314.000-50/100) gold coin. (part of $701.000) received from the Asst Treasurer U.S at St Louis. Mo. for re-coinage. but not being below the standard, was forwarded to the Asst Treasurer at New York by your direction, without being re-coined.

If the Asst Treasurer at St Louis had been careful to forward only such pieces as needed

to

to be recoined, much trouble and expense would have been avoided.

Very Respectfully
J. W. Pollock
Superintendent

Hon.
Wm A Richardson,
Secretary of the Treasury
Washington
D.C.

March 6 4

Sir

Your letters of the 2 d and 5th inst requesting two sets of Pattern trade dollars and one set of Silver Proof and minor coins for the German Minister, at cost to the Mint: also to send you two silver assay medals, have been received.

I have ordered their preperation and will forward same to you, with bill, when completed.

Your letter ordering a Jefferson Indian Peace medal for the Gov Lyon has not yet been received

Very Respectfully

Superintendent

Hon.
H. R Linderman.
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C

March 7 7

Sir

Your Postal Card. and sample of rock. has been received.

Upon examination it proved to be Soapstone. of no value.

Yours Respectfully

[signature]
Supt.

E. N. Everett
Whitings Point
N Y

March 7 4

Sir

Enclosed I forward Weekly Report of the Coinage at this Mint for the week ending March 7th 1874.

Very Respectfully

Superintendent

Hon.
H. R. Linderman
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C

March 7 4

Sir

Your letter of the 6th inst. authorizing the striking of a Jefferson Peace Medal for Gov. Lyon, the size he desires, has been received.

From the correspondence on file it appears that Gov. Lyon received in February 1823. through Mr. Knox, or the Secretary of the Treasury, Mr. Richardson, a small sized Jefferson Indian Peace Medal. But in a letter from Mr. Knox, March 12 1823. to the former, Mr Lyon "particularly wished the large one to be struck to complete his set" As requested it was struck, was refused, and is now on hand. Now if Gov. Lyon will indicate the size he wants, we will, if possible, comply with his request.

under the rules now regulating the Medal Department. The rules are stated in the Coiners letter to me of this date. March 7. 1874.

I enclose Coiners letter. and extract from Mr Knox's letter to the Coiner of March 12. 1873.

Very Respectfully

Jas Pollock

Superintendent

Hon

H. R. Linderman

Director of the Mint

Washington

D.C.

March 4.

Sir

I duly received your letter of the 28th of February ult. informing me of the delivery of Mr Gibbs and Mr Gilbert, which, together with your acceptance of the appointment from the U. S. Consul at Rio Janeiro, I duly placed in the hands of an Engraver, the day I received them. Today I have delivered the Engraved Plate and Medal, which I herewith forward to you, and which, with the Dispatch of the Consul, is entrusted and recommended.

Very respectfully

Sir

Your Obedient Servant

Mr. [illegible]

Secretary of the Treasury

Mar 9 44

Hon: James Pollock
Superintendent &c &c.

Sir

The documents sent by the Director on the 28th ult. relating to the coins of Tripoli, with specimens for assay, have been duly attended to.

On referring to my notes respecting that coinage, from information received in October 1839, I find no essential variation, although the recent dispatch is more minute. In fact this qirsch and half qirsch are just the same that we then assayed, weighing 149 and 72 grains (lightened by wear, as they formerly weighed 153 and 73) and containing about one-fourth silver. The Consul supposes about one-third, as they were, still further back, but our assays ran from 241 to 249 thousandths. The qirsch therefore is, as he says, worth

about ten cents, silver.

Grosch, or ghersh as they write it in Turkey, is the same word as groschen in Germany, gros in France, & groat in England.

The mahbub of account, therefore, is 80 cents of our money. Formerly the gold sequin mahbub of Turkey was $1.25.

The matter is of no great importance, in a commercial point of view; but it goes to show the value of a coinage to form a basis for currency. Tripoli is far behind the adjoining state of Tunis, in this respect.

Very respectfully

W. E. DuBois
assayer

March 9. 64.

Sir,

I have to report that Mrs. E. H. Leach, Adjutant, Gainer's department, has resigned, taking effect from the 1st inst.

Very Respectfully

Jas Bullock
Supt

Hon. H. R. Linderman
Director of the Mint
Washington D.C.

March 9 4

Sir

Agreeably to your request of Jany 26th, I send by Express 2.15 ozs. Chemically fine gold, in return for $44.50 (gold) received.

The above weight corresponds with the value according to legal standards; but in future we must make a deduction for the extra expense of preparing such gold, if it is wanted. The other offices prepare their own tests.

Very respectfully

Jas. A. Easterly
Supt

Calvin J. Cowles Esq
Assayer &c
Charlotte, N.C.

Explains assay of gold sent.

March 9. 4

Rec'd of Asst. James Pollock
Supt U.S. Mint, Thirty-two 7/100 Dol-
lars, silver coin, in full of balance
due me for making silver discs
for the Ordnance Bureau of the
Navy Department, Washington D.C.
132.17 Coin

Jas C. Booth
Melter & Refiner

Mona Dec 4

Sir

I herewith transmit herewith my a/c. of Ordinary Expenses for February 1874.

Very Respectfully Your
Obt
Supt.

Hon. H. R. Linderman
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

March 10th 4

Gentlemen.

By authority of the U.S. Treasury Department, the undersigned offers for sale on behalf of the U.S. Mint at Philadelphia, about three (3) tons of an alloy of copper and nickel, being the melted grains remaining from preparing the 5 cent alloy. It is well adapted to the manufacture of German silver castings, and may be seen at the Mint daily between 9 and 12, until Saturday the 21st of March inst.

The assay of four samples, taken indiscriminately, shows an average of about 21 per cent of nickel, balance copper with a slight trace of iron.

Written proposals for the same, signed by the parties offering, are requested, stating the rate offered, and the quantity desired- the Government reserving the right to dispose of the whole or part, as may be found most suitable.

Terms. Cash on delivery at the Mint.

Jas. Ross Snowden
Superintendent

Messrs
R. Longman & Sons
Nos 25 & 31. Portland Av.
New York

March 10 4

Sir

Your inquiry as to the number of blanks of the respective denominations of gold coin and trade dollars that can be adjusted by a female adjuster in a day; was duly received and referred to the Coiner for investigation.

Mr Snowden reports to me asking that time be given him for a practical test of the question. and stating that he hopes to be able to submit results within a short time. Without this practical test the information furnished would be rather vague. as we have no direct data bearing upon the subject except the

the general working of the Adjusting Room; and this gives no basis to form a judgment with regard to the minor gold coins.

I would suggest that reasonable time be given to enable us to report definite results.

Very Respectfully
Jas. Pond
Superintendent

Hon.
F. R. Linderman.
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

Mar. 10th 74

Sir

I hand you herewith revised Statements of the Recoinage &c. from Feby 1st to March 7th inclusive 1874.

The amount set down in Transcript No 3 as having been forwarded to New York on February 13th is correct, and why that Office does not so credit it I am not able to see. No gold has been forwarded to the Asst Treas. at New York on Recoinage &c during March as yet, and the $8535 claimed to be light and with which we charge that Office has been credited in your credit in Transcript No. 4 for Recoinage.

Very Respectfully Your

Obt Servt

Superintendent

Hon. W. E. Spence
Treasurer U. S.
Washington D.C.

Mch 11th 4

Sir

Inclosed I forward for examination and payment, duplicate receipted bills of Robt Taylor Jrs. corner of 19th and Callowhill Streets. Philadelphia, amounting to $146.25 for crucibles &c. ordered for Denver Mint by Mr Schirmer. Assayer when he was here at the time of Assay.

I also enclose the receipt of the Penna Rail Road Company.

There will be several other bills, as soon as supplies ordered can be delivered.

Very Respectfully

L. Wm Pollock

Superintendent

Hon.
H. R. Linderman,
Director of the Mint
Washington DC

March 11th 4

Sir.

Please draw your Transfer Order for the Sum of Fifteen Thousand (15.000) Dollars to reimburse you in part, for coins withdrawn from the Minor Coinage Redemption Fund and melted for recoinage.

Very Respectfully Yours

J. A. Powell
Superintendent

Hon. T. E. Spinner
Treasurer U. S.
Washington
D.C.

March 11 4

Sir

As requested in your letters of the 9th inst. I send you to day by the Adams Express two sets of Silver Pattern Trade Dollars for the German Minister, also two copies in Silver of the Annual Assay medal of 1874. both dollars and medals at ah cost to the Mint.

Bill is as follows

2 sets Pattern Trade Dollars (67) Coin. $13.20

Premium @ 10% 1.32

Currency $14.52

2 Assay Medals. @ $1.00 2.00

Total currency $16.52

You can remit me the amount in any way most convenient to yourself.

Very Respectfully

Your Obedt

Hon. H. R. Linderman.

Director of the Mint.

Superintendent

March 11th 44

Sir

I have the day deposited with the Asst. Treas. U. S. at Philadelphia, to the credit of the Treasurer U. S, One Thousand Dollars on account of profits of the Medal Fund, and herewith enclose the C/D. together with a letter to the Secretary of the Treasury transmitting the same.

Certificate are numbered 723 and 724.

Very respectfully

J. R. Snowden

Superintendent

Hon H. R. Linderman
Director of the Mint
Washington
D. C

March 11th 64

Sir

I have this day deposited with the Asst Treas' U. S, at Philadelphia, to the credit of the Treasurer U. S, One thousand Dollars on account of profits of the Medal Fund; and herewith enclose the Certificates of deposit Nos. 723 and 724.

Currency $825.00
Gold 105.00
Silver 70.00
Total $ 1000.00

Very respectfully
A. Boyd Hamilton
Superintendent

Hon W.m A Richardson
Secretary of the Treasury
Washington
D. C.

March 11 74

Sir

Enclosed herewith I forward
b/e. No 720. March 11. 1874. from
the Asst Treasurer U.S at Phila-
delphia. for Thirty nine 20 dollars
($39.20) to proceeds in currency of
the sale of $37.20 silver for making
20 silver discs for the Bureau of
Ordnance of the Navy Department,
Washington. D.C.

Very Respectfully
[illegible]
Superintendent

Hon
Wm A Richardson.
Secretary of the Treasury
Washington
D.C.

March 11 4

Sir

Enclosed I forward for transmission through your office, a letter for the Secretary of the Treasury, enclosing D/D. No. 722 of this date, from the Asst Treasurer U.S. at Philadelphia, for $9.75 currency. The proceeds of $8.75 silver received for making 20 silver discs for the Bureau of Ordnance of the Navy Department, Washington, D.C.

Very Respectfully
Jas. Powell
Superintendent

Hon.
H. R. Linderman
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C

March 12 74

Sir

Enclosed I forward the report of Prof Booth, our Melter and Refiner, of the losses in melting gold and silver during the month of February 1874. Together with an explanatory letter from him, which together, are of grave importance and challenge official consideration. You will find them to be suggestive and significant and fully warranting and requiring the joint investigation that you have already directed.

Very Respectfully

Superintendent

Hon.
H. R. Linderman.
Director of the Mint
Washington. D.C.

March 12 4

Sir

I forward to you to day as a deposit to the credit of the Treasurer U.S. Eight thousand four hundred and forty six Dollars coin, the proceeds of $8,500.00 light coin &c. from the Asst Treasurer U.S. at St Louis. Mo. returned to me on the 6th of March inst. from your office for recoinage.

I enclose the Mint Memorandum No. 250. and will thank you for the usual b/s.

Very Respectfully

Jno. Ross Snowden
Superintendent

Thos. Hillhouse. Esq
Asst Treasurer U.S.
New York

March 13 74

Sir

Enclosed herewith I forward the following statements for the month of January 1874.

1. Deposits and Purchases of Gold and Silver
2. Gold and Silver of Domestic Production.
3. Bars manufactured.

These statements have been delayed by the inability of the Melter and Refiner to receive the balance of bullion for that month, until the latter part of February.

These statements for the month of February are delayed for a similar reason.

Very Respectfully

Superintendent

Hon.
Th. R. Linderman
Director of the Mint
Washington. D.C

March 14 4

Sir

I have this morning received your letter of the 13. th inst. enclosing Treasury draft No 4199 on the Asst Treasurer at Philadelphia for $16.52 in payment for two sets silver patterns pieces Trade Dollar and two assay medals of 1874. forwarded to you by Express.

Very Respectfully

J. [illegible]
Superintendent

Hon.
H. R. Linderman
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

March 4 74

Sir

Inclosed I forward 6 ps from the Asst Treasurer U. S. at New York No 827. March 18. 1874. for Eight Thousand four hundred and forty six $\frac{85}{100}$ Dollars ($8446.\frac{85}{100}$) coin. the proceeds of the recoinage of $8,000.00 ($8701.00) Light gold coin from the Asst Treasurer U. S. at St Louis. Mo.

Mint Memorandum No. 200 also enclosed herewith.

Very Respectfully
J. A. Kapp
Superintendent

Hon
Wm A. Richardson.
Secretary of the Treasury.
Washington
D.C.

March 14 4

Sir

Enclosed I forward Weekly Report of the coinage at this Mint for the week ending March 14. 1874.

Very Respectfully
[signature]
Superintendent

Hon
H. R. Linderman.
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

March 16 4

Sir

Your letter of the 14th inst. in reference to the February pay rolls. has been received.

The increase in the per diem of Isaac Lauer. Helper in the Engravers Department, from $3. to $3.50 was a clerical inadvertance in making out the rolls. The excess will be refunded and the error corrected in the rolls for the current month of March.

Joseph Butler. Cabinet
I. Lauer Roller
Wm. O. Laurence. Adjuster
are absent on leave. without pay.
on account of ill health.

Very Respectfully

Superintendent

Hon.
H. R. Linderman
Director of the Mint

March 16 4

Sir

Your letter of the 11th inst. has been received this morning.

The U. S. Mint has never struck any gold coins of less denomination than one dollar.

Before California was admitted to the Union, private parties there issued gold 50 cent and 25 cent pieces, and I suppose you could buy samples of them of private coin dealers.

Very Respectfully

A. Loud

Supt.

W. H. Kirk, Esq.
Marysville
Penn.

March 16 4

Sir

I have this morning received your letter of the 14th inst. notifying me that you have on hand $2.000.000 light gold coin for recoinage, and desiring to know when we can receive it.

We are pressed just now for silver coinage, but by Thursday of this week will be prepared to receive $500,000. of the two millions, and the balance at such times as may be found convenient hereafter and notice given you.

Allow me to suggest that care be taken to forward only such pieces, as are below the standard and intended by Congress to be recoined, a very large proportion

of your first deposits for recoinage, especially the gold bullion, being far within the legal limit, and many of them entirely uncoin.

Very Respectfully
Jas. Pollock
Superintendent

Thos. Hillhouse. Esq
Asst Treasurer. U.S
New York.

March 16th 74

Sir

I hand you herewith Statements of the Coining & Expenditures at this Institution for the 4th Quarter 1872 and 73 respectively, as requested in your letter of the 14th inst.

Very Respectfully Your's

J. P. Pollard
Supt.

Hon. H. R. Linderman
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

P.S. The Wages and Incidental expenses for the 4th quarter 1872 it will be understood, were paid from the profits on Minor Coinage and not by Appropriation.

Statement of Earnings And Expenditures at the Mint of the United States at Philadelphia for the 4th. Quarter 1872.

Earnings.

Coinage Charges	$ 4501.02	
Parting &c.	1068.75	
Silver Profits (Gross	25.116.94	
Profits on Silver Dollars	30.56	$ 31.053.07
Minor Coinage Profits (Gross)		$ 118.454.17

Expenditures

Wages. Ordinary &c.	$ 30.973.80	
Salaries Do.	9614.68	
Incidental & Office Exp.	1.363.41	
Freight on Bullion	1.384.44	$ 48.986.39
Wages. Minor Coinage.	28.770.07	
Incidentals &c. Do.	17.756.13	$ 46.526.20
Premium on Silver Purchased	18.916.56	
Expenses of Distribution	828.84	$ 19.074.40

Ps. The Incidentals expended in the Assay Office will be included in the profits on Minor Coinage and not by Appropriation.

Statement of Earnings And Expenditures at the Mint of the United States at Philada. 4th qr. 1873.

Earnings

Coinage Charges		$ 13.187.18	
Parting &c.	Do	3.055.10	
Seigniorage		42.206.07	$ 58.448.35
Minor Coinage Profits (Estimated)			40.000.00

Expenditures

Wages	Regular Ordinary	$	40.031.83
Do	Minor Coinage	Do	35.944.21
Salaries	Regular Ordy		8.670.
Incidentals	Do		9.456.36
Do	Minor Coinage	Do	14.265.90
Metals for Minor Coinage			5.321.13
Expenses of Transportation	(Gold Coin)		2.175.11
Do	Do	(Silver Coin)	1.118.28

Mch 17 4

Gentlemen.

Your letter of the 16th inst. has been received.

The delay in reporting one of your lots of silver, was on account of it containing sulphur, lead, antimony &c. so that no correct assay could be given without a second melting and refining. It will be re-assayed to day. The other lots gave less trouble. It would be a saving of time and expense if the metal could be put in better condition before it comes eastward.

Two lots were forwarded to you yesterday, and the remaining lot will be ready to morrow.

Very Respectfully

Supt.

Messrs.
James B. Colgate & Co.
New York.

March 17 4

Sir-

In accordance with your request in note of the 16th inst. I send you to day by the Adams Express, 5 Proof silver Trade dollars. Bill as follows.

5 Proof Trade Dollars. (Coin) $5.50

Premium .50

Currency $6.00

This amount $6.00. you can remit to me in the usual manner, or in any way that will be most convenient to you.

Very Respectfully

A. Loud

Superintendent

Hon.

O. H. Linderman.

Director of the Mint

Washington

D.C.

March 17 4

Sir

Since writing you yesterday I find, upon further examination, that we can receive an additional $500.000. light gold coin. This week. for recoinage.

Very Respectfully
[illegible]
Superintendent

Thos. Hillhouse.
Asst Treasurer U.S
New York.

March 17 4

Sir

Your letter of the 14th inst. on the subject of a memorial medal of the late Prof Agassiz, has been received.

I cordially concur in the suggestion, and in the interest of Science which is national and cosmopolitan. The medal dies should be prepared here, and the medal struck, and added to our list of public medals. There is certainly nothing in the law to prevent this being done here.

The die "under such regulations as the Superintendent with the approval of the Director of the Mint may prescribe" would be of a national character - not private or personal - not for the benefit of an individual, but for Science in its nationality.

as i for the Government through the Medal Department. Your view of the law in this regard is correct.

If you will give the order for the preparation of the die, and the striking of the medals I will concur, and direct our Engravers to proceed at once to the work. We will, however require a side face (this is best) Photograph of the Professor, with such other devices and inscriptions as may be deemed appropriate. You, I presume, can procure a photograph, and also prepare, or cause to be prepared the legends-inscriptions necessary. When ready send them here, and we will do the rest.

Very Respectfully

A. L. Fuller

Superintendent

Hon.
H. R. Linderman.
Director of the Mint.

March 17 7

Sir

I have to forward to the Mint at San Francisco, by the Adams Express company, as per the enclosed duplicate receipt, the following dies, ordered in your letter of the 26th of January, ultimo.

Trade Dollar.		Obverse.	12
"	"	Reverse	6
Half	"	"	6
"	"	Obverse	6
Quarter	"	"	2
"	"	Reverse	2
Double Eagle		"	10
"	"	Obverse	6
			50

Very Respectfully

Wm. Pollock

Superintendent

Hon.
H. R. Linderman.
Director of the Mint.

March 17 4

Sir

I have to day forwarded to the Mint at Carson, by the Adams Express Company, as per the enclosed duplicate receipt. the following dies, ordered in your letter of the 26th of February. ult.

Trade Dollar Reverse 6
" " Obverse 4
10

Very Respectfully
Your Obt Servt
Superintendent

Hon.
Col. R. Linderman.
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

March 18 4

Sir.

Enclosed I send you report of our Assayer on the Specimens forwarded & the Mint by you for analysis.

Very Respectfully

Supt

Mr J. B. Y. Kinsloe
Lock Haven
Pa

March 18 4

Sir—

Your telegram of yesterday enquiring what modifications if any of mine in appropriations for next fiscal year for this Mint will be required, was not received until after the Mint was closed, and I could not reply by mail yesterday, but hasten to discharge that duty now.

Referring to House Bill No 2004. making appropriations, amongst others, for the Mints and Assay offices for the next fiscal year. I beg leave to submit a substitute for so much of the bill as provides for the Mint of Philadelphia, with a request, that if it meets your approval, you will be kind enough to lay it before the Committee on Appropriations,

And as an act of justice to this institution, and to the public interests, endeavor to secure its adoption.

The changes I have suggested are slight, but, in my judgment, essential. So far as the clerical force is concerned, I have merely retained the salaries of the Cashier, Bookkeeper, Deposit clerk, Calculating clerk, (not "Weigh" as erroneously printed in the bill) and the two other clerks, to what they now receive, under the appropriations for the current fiscal year, and which I was very sorry to see reduced, at a time when much more than ordinary pressure has been brought to bear upon the working resources of the Mint.

One of the best features of the Coinage Act of 1873, was the

power it gave to make an equitable adjustment of the salaries of a number of subordinates, more in harmony with the services rendered, and the responsibilities of their positions. What adjustment, so far as it went, having been made, a sense of duty compels me respectfully but most earnestly to remonstrate and protest against any reduction of salaries fixed under that act.

You know, I am from habit and upon principle in favor of the most rigid economy in the expenditure of public monies, but crippling the public service, and injustice to faithful and hard working employés cannot be regarded as either sound policy, or true economy.

It should be remembered that the organization and functions of

the Mint are very different from other branches of the government service, and must be judged by its own peculiarities. My cashier occupies a position of great responsibility, with only one assistant as counter, and besides other important administrative duties, personally does more clerical work, and handles more money in the course of a year, than the cashier of the last Treasurer in Philadelphia, who has many assistants; yet the cashier of the Mint receives the lowest salary. The one hundred dollars I ask to be restored to him ought not to be refused.

The Deposit Clerk, Calculating Clerk, and Book Keeper are each of them, as you will know, key positions, requiring gentlemen of intelligence

ability and character, and the compensation should be equal to the duties, and the responsibility. The salaries asked for them, and which they now receive, are not a dollar in excess of their deserts. The duties of the other two clerks are so well known to you, that I need not enlarge upon them.

Under the weighty responsibilities of my position, and the reliance I must place upon my principal subordinates for the safe and smooth working of the institution, I cannot be otherwise than sensitive to any thing that would unfavorably affect their comfort and efficiency, & fair compensation is all I have asked for them, and that I confidently hope will not upon mature consideration, be denied them.

It is the more important because

of the unusually large demands upon the Mint for coinage, especially of silver, and which will doubtless be steadily increasing for a number of years to come.

I would also ask the moderate appropriation of three hundred dollars for the purchase, as heretofore, of such rare coins and specimens for the cabinet of the Mint, the largest and most complete in the United States, and which is visited by some sixty or seventy thousand persons, every year from all parts of the world. It is so nearly complete that but few additions are necessary, but such as are desirable, including our own coins, we ought to have the means to purchase, when opportunities present themselves.

Very Respectfully

Jas. Pollock

Superintendent.

Hon. H. R. Linderman,
Director of the Mint.

Mar 18 4

Dear Sir

The two mineral Specimens enclosed in your letter of the 18th are both iron ores, and No. 1 may be of some value; the other is poor.

Truly yours

J. W. Foster

Jas 15c.

Mr. Jacob Kistler
Superintendent
Lebanon Coal
Co
Pa

March 19 74

Sir

I have duly received by Express from the Mint at San-Francisco.

1 Trade Dollar
1 Half Dollar

special assay coins for the month of February. 1874.

Very Respectfully
Your Obt
Superintendent

Hon.
H. R. Linderman
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

March 19 4

Sir

I have this morning received your letter of the 18th inst enclosing Treasury draft for six dollars (86) in payment for five proof Trade Dollars forwarded to you by Express.

Very Respectfully

Chas Pollock

Superintendent

Hon.
E. R. Linderman
Director of the Mint.
Washington
D.C.

March 19 4

Sir

Your letter of the 18th inst has been received.

The "small cent" was first coined under the authority of the Act of Congress of Feby 21. 1857.

Very Respectfully

J. A. Bard

Supt

Mr

Thos Gavin

108 S. Adams St

Phila da.

A few pattern pieces were struck in 1856.

March 19 74

Sir

Enclosed herewith I forward my requisition of this date for $50,000.00 for the service of this Mint for the month of April 1874.

The amount specified for ones and coins, is required mainly to pay for a rare collection of Chinese coins, about five hundred in number, just received, and for which our Assayer had been negotiating for some time; some of which are said to date back to more than two thousand years before the Christian Era.

Very Respectfully

Superintendent

Robert.

Robt. E. Linderman

Director of the Mint

Washington. D.C.

March 18 4

Hon. Thomas C. Acton
Superintendent &c &c.

Sir

Herewith I send a Report of the recent Conference and its results, in regard to the transfer of bullion for coinage.

When signed by the Assayer, and Melter & Refiner of your Office, and approved by yourself, it will be complete and ready to transmit to the Director; which you can either do direct, or return it here for that purpose.

Very respectfully
your obt. servt.

J. A. Pollard
Supt.

March 19 4

Sir

I have to day received by Express, from the Mint at Carson

1 Double Eagle
1 Trade Dollar

Special assay coins for the month of February. 1874.

Very Respectfully

Jas Powell
Superintendent

Hon.
Ph. R. Linderman.
Director of the Mint.
Washington
D C

March 19 4

Sir

Enclosed I forward for payment duplicate receipted bills of Moro Phillips. No 110 South Delaware Avenue. Philadelphia. for $83.40 for 1 Bbl bone ash. forwarded to the Mint at Denver. per order of the Assayer in charge. when here in February.

I also enclose duplicate bills of lading.

Very Respectfully

J. P. Tolles

Superintendent

Hon

H. R. Linderman.

Director of the Mint

Washington

D.C

March 21st 44

Hon A. D. Gardner
Director U. S. Mint

Sir

As requested in your letter of the 19th inst. I send you to day by Adams's Express ten trade dollars (Proof pieces) price as per statement

By Ten trade dollars coin value $ 10.00

Premium 20

Currency. $ 12.00

Will you please acknowledge to me in the usual way.

Very Respectfully
Your Obt Servt
Esqr.

March 20 7

Sir

I duly received your letter of the 17th inst, enclosing an inquiry from T. Allard, Berlin, Prussia, as to the intended diameter of the Double Eagle, if raised letters be placed on the edge. The question was submitted to our business Mr Snowden, a copy of whose reply I herewith enclose for your consideration. I also return Mr. Allards letter and the translation; having retained a copy of the latter.

Very Respectfully

[signature]

Superintendent

Hon.
H. R. Linderman.
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

March 21 4

Sir

In answer to your letter of the 20th inst, asking "whether the actual cost of separating bullion 600/1000 to 700 parts gold will be more or less than that for separating bullion 700/1000 to 989/1000 parts gold" &c. I enclose copy of a letter from Profs Booth and DuBois to whom your question was referred.

I entirely concur in their conclusions.

Very Respectfully
Your Obt
Superintendent

Hon.
H. R Linderman.
Director of the Mint
Washington
DC

March 21 74

Sir

Enclosed I forward Weekly Report of the coinage at this Mint for the week ending March 21. 1874.

Very respectfully

Jas. Pollock

Superintendent

Hon.
H. R. Linderman
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

March 28 4

Sir

Your order of the 21st inst. for duplicate sets of the Bronze medals on medal circular has been received and will be filled as soon as we can have a few struck to make our list complete

The vouchers will be sent to you with the medals.

Very Respectfully

Superintendent

Coburn.

Dr. R. Linderman.
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

March 29 4

Sir

I duly received your letter of the 16th inst. transmitting nine photographs of the late Prof. Agassiz. Two of the side face photographs that seemed best adapted for the purpose have been selected and placed in the hands of our Engraver. Mr Barber. from which to prepare designs for the medal you have directed to be made as a memento of that distinguished scientist. The designs will be submitted to you as soon as they are ready.

What disposition shall I make of the remaining seven photographs? shall I return them to you. or distribute them amongst the friends of science here. who no

doubt would be very glad to get them. and would prize them highly.

Perhaps you could get some valuable suggestions with regard to designs for the medal from the Bureau of Engraving in the Treasury Department.

Very respectfully

[signature]
Superintendent

Hon.
E. R. Zimmerman
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

May 23 74

Sir,

Referring to your letter of the 21st May 1873, authorizing me to dispose of a lot of nickel Copper residues of no utility to the Mint for Coinage purposes, I would respectfully state that as there was but one bid received at that time, (@ 5¢ pr. lb.) I declined to consider it, and have held the metal until the present time with a view to again offering it. By Circulars mailed to a number of our brass founders and smelters, and after having waited for 2 weeks for other bids, I have received but 2 offers for the metal, the highest being that of Thos. E. Hannigan & Co, at 24¢ pr. lb. These I forward to you herewith for your examination, and would request that you approve the best bid and return it to me for filing and acceptance

Acceptances

Yours Very Respectfully
Jas. Pollard
Supt.

Hon. W. K. Lindeman
Director of the Mint
Washington
D. C.

March 23 4

W. F. Stevens Esq
Dear Sir

I have received the Swedish gold coins, & thank you for your attention. Herewith I enclose a draft for £ 7.6.8, the amount of your bill.

We do not care to have the silver coins of Germany until the series is full, & then two sets will suffice. Please not to put gum-elastic bands around them, as the sulphur blackens silver deeply. It has no effect upon gold.

Yours sincerely

March 24 74

Sir

Your letter of the 20th inst. has been received.

The following working dies for the year 1873, were prepared at this Mint, and forwarded to the Mints at San Francisco and Carson, respectively, on the dates specified.

For San Francisco. 1872

October 31, 1872	Obverse.	Reverse
Double Eagles	10	10
Eagles	4	
Half Eagles	4	
Quarter "	4	
Gold Dollars		2
Three "		2
Silver "	6	6
Half "	10	4
Over	38	24

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San Francisco. continued

	Obverse.	Reverse
Quarter Dollars	4	
Dimes	4	
Half Dimes	4	
	12	24

March 21. 1873. Under the Coinage Act of 1873.

	Obverse.	Reverse
Half Dollars	10	
Quarters	6	
Dimes	6	
	22	

July 12. 1873. 6 pairs of Trade Dollars.

August 7. 1873. 2 pairs of Trade Dollars.

September 20. 1873	Obverse.	Reverse
Double Eagle	8	
Trade Dollar	6	6
	9	6

Total for 1873. S. F.
Obverse. 99. Reverse. 39.

3

For the Mint at Carson 1873.

October 9. 1872.

	Obverse	Reverse
Double Eagles	4	
Eagles	3	
Half Eagles	3	
Quarter "	2	
Silver Dollars	2	
Half "	4	
Quarter "	3	
Dimes	3	
	24	

March 20. 1873. Under the Coinage Act. of 1873

	Obverse	Reverse
Half Dollar	6	
Quarter "	4	
Dimes	4	
	14	

July 12. 1873. 4 pairs of Trade Dollars.

August 7. 1873. 2 pairs of Trade Dollars.

Mint of Carson continued.

October 17, 1878. 2 pairs of Trade Dollars,

Total for 1878.

Obverse. 46. Reverse. 8.

Very Respectfully
J. A. Collins
Superintendent

Hon.
H. R. Linderman.
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

March 24 4

Sir

I have this morning received your letter of the 23d inst., enclosing U.S. Treasurers draft on Asst Treasurer at Philadelphia for $12. in full for Ten Eagle Dollars forwarded to you by Express.

Very Respectfully

A. Pugh

Superintendent

Hon

H. R. Linderman.

Director of the Mint

Washington

DC

March 24 74

Sir

I have appointed Miss Mary E. Creswell. Adjuster in the Loiners department at $4.00 per diem. in vice Mrs. E. H. Lewis resigned; to take effect April 1. 1874.

The Loiners nomination of Miss Creswell, is herewith enclosed.

Very Respectfully

[illegible]

Superintendent

Hon.
H. R. Linderman.
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

March 24 64

Sir.

Please draw your Transfer Order for the Sum of Ten Thousand Seven Hundred and Sixty (10.760) Dollars for a/c. of Minor Coins Redeemed, Reissued.

Very Respectfully Yours

J. A. Gilbert
Supt

Hon. F. E. Spinner
Treasurer U. S.
Washington
D. C.

March 25th 74

Messrs Thos [redacted] Harrington & Co
816 & 818 Filbert St.

Gentlemen.

Your offer of Twenty Four (24) Cents per pound Cash for the residue Nickel & Copper offered for sale has been accepted by the Director of the Mint, and I have to request that you will call between 9 and 11 oclk tomorrow morning and remove the same.

Yours Respectfully

Jas Pollock

Superintendent

March 25 4

Sir.

Your letter of the 23d inst. has been received.

The proof coins sent you were correct, and included all the silver, nickel, and bronze coins that are now authorized by law. The Trade Dollar is the only silver dollar now issued by the U.S. Mint. The Coinage Act of 1873, which went into operation on the first of April 1873, substituted the Trade Dollar for the usual American dollar. It also abolished the silver 5¢ and 3¢ pieces, and the 2¢ bronze piece, and none have been coined since that date.

Very Respectfully

J. A. Hatch Esq
State Treasurer
Augusta, Maine.

March 26 4

Sir

The one mentioned in your letter transmitting the same, has been received, on which there was a postage charge of 37 cts.

The Mark charge for analyzing ores is $5. for each sample.

As this specimen appears to be worthy of an analysis, if you will remit me $5.37. to pay charges, I will have the same analyzed, and send you the result.

Very Respectfully

A. S. Talcott

Capt.

Mr W. H. Crawford.
Dayton.
Sabastian Co
Ark

March 26 7

Miss.
Mary E. Lovelace.

You have been appointed Adjuster in the Mint. at $1.75 per day. To take effect April 1st. 1874.

Please subscribe to the enclosed oath of allegiance before some Alderman, and report for duty April 1st. at 9 A.M. to Mr Snowden. Assist.

Bring the oath with you.

Yours Respectfully
Jas. Pollock
Supt.
per W.P.

March 27 4

Sir

Enclosed I forward hereinth Statements of Gold and Silver workings in the Coiners department of this Mint for the months of January and February, respectively, 1874.

Very Respectfully
[signature]
Superintendent

Hon
H. R. Linderman
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

March 27 /

Dear Sir

The Report of yourself and Prof Bethune on the Barley Experiments will be found in the Reports &c of the 36 Congress 1st Session. (Senate) Executive Doc. No 03. Report dated April 17. 1860. June 14/60 "Read in the Senate and ordered to be printed."

We have not the volume here, but Dr Linderman can readily find it at Washington

Yours Truly

J. [illegible] Leidy

Dept

Prof. R. E. Rogers.
1004 Walnut St
Phila

March 28 4

Sir

Yours of the 26th inst. enclosing a bronze token (one cent) has been received.

In the redemption and reissuing of the minor coins, under the act of Congress, it is impossible, with all the care we can exercise in counting and selecting the millions of pieces that pass through the hands of the Counters, to detect all the tokens that may be included in the coins sent for redemption. We detect large numbers, but an occasional one escapes the eye of the Counter. Such is the explanation of the presence of the token in the bronze cent coins forwarded to you. I enclose a cent in exchange.

Very Respectfully

Mr. L. W. Knight, Cashr.
Ann Arbor, Mich.

March 28 4

Sir

Yours of the 20th inst, enclosing a bronze token (one cent) has been received.

In the redemption and re-issuing of the minor coins under the act of Congress, it is impossible, with all the care we can exercise in counting and selecting the millions of pieces that pass through the hands of the counters, to detect all the tokens that may be included in the coins sent for redemption. We detect large numbers, but an occasional one escapes the eye of the Counter.

Such is the explanation of the presence of the "token" in the bronze cent coins" forwarded to you. I enclose a cent in exchange.

Mr. Wm. T. Small.
Portland Me

March 28 4

Sir

Enclosed please find duplicate statement of Minor Coins redeemed and re-issued during the month of November 1873.

Our letter book shows that the original was mailed to the Director of the Mint, November 29. 1873.

Very Respectfully
L. [illegible]
Superintendent

Hon.
H. R. Linderman
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

March 28 4

Sir

Enclosed I forward Weekly Report of the coinage at this Mint for the week ending March 28. 1874.

Very Respectfully
[illegible]
Superintendent

Hon.
H. R Linderman.
Director of the Mint
Washington
DC

March 30 1857

Sir—

Your letter of the 28th inst. has been rec'd. There is no premium on the old copper cents, or small cents with the eagle on. Fine specimens command an extra price among coin collectors, but are only received at the Mint at their face value.

Yours respectfully
James Pollock
Supt

Mr. Harry K. Weiler
Delaware
N. J.

per W. P.

March 31 74

Sir

Enclosed herewith I forward the following statements for the month of February 1874.

1. Deposits and purchases of Gold and Silver Bullion.
2. Gold and Silver of domestic production, deposited.
3. Bars manufactured.

These statements have been delayed by the inability of the Melter and Refiner to receive balance of bullion.

Very Respectfully
Your Obt Servt
Superintendent

Hon.
Hon. R. Linderman.
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

March 30 74

Sir

Referring to your letter of the 23d inst. I herewith forward a detailed statement showing the amount of light gold coin received, assorted and recoined during the months of January, February and March 1874.

In an oversight of the Weigh clerk the month of March has been included in the statement although not called for in your letter, but I hope it will not impair the usefulness of the statement for your purposes.

Very Respectfully

Your Obt Servt

Superintendent

Hon

H. R. Linderman,

Director of the Mint

Washington D.C.

March 30th 4

Sir

I have this day deposited with the Asst Treas, U. S. at Philadelphia, to the credit of the Treasurer of the U. S, Five Hundred Dollars on account of profits of the Medal Fund, and herewith enclose the C/D. together with a letter to the Secretary of the Treasury, trasmitting the same.

The Certificates are numbered 777 and 778

Very respectfully

A. Elliott

Superintendent

Hon H. R Linderman

Director of the Mint

Washington

D. C

March 30th 41

Sir

I have this day deposited with the Asst Treas' U. S. at Philadelphia, to the credit of the Treasurer of the U. S. Five Hundred Dollars on account of profits of the Medal Fund; and herewith enclose the Certificates of Deposit Nos. 777 and 778

Currency	$425.00
Gold	25.00
Silver	50.00
	$500.=

Very respectfully

Superintendent

Hon Wm A Richardson
Secretary of the Treasury
Washington
D. C

March 30 4

Sir.

The letter of Thos. Hillhouse, Esq. Asst Treasurer U.S. at New York of the 21st inst. referred to me by your endorsement thereon of the 24th inst. relating to the $2.000.000. in gold coin for recoining, has been received.

There is no law or regulation by which coin, gold or silver, within the legal weight, can be received. Coins defaced so as to be illegible or so mutilated by cutting, splitting or bending as to be wholly unfit for circulation have, by custom, been received as bullion, and the proceeds, in the usual order of deposits, paid over to the depositor.

By the 14 Section of the Coinage Act

Act of 1873. "any gold coins in the Treasury of the U.S. reduced in weight below the limit (one half per cent below the standard weight prescribed by law by natural abrasion &c) shall be recoined" So coins within the legal limit, or praise, can be recoined by the authority of this Act, either as light coin or bullion. The express authority to recoin the light, is a legal denial of the right to recoin that which is within, or not below the limit. This upon the principle of "expressum facit cessare tacitum &c."

The coins referred to should be separately weighed, and if below the limit sent there for recoinage under the section named. If pieces are defaced so as to be illegible, or

do

so mutilated, as already stated, they could be added and the entire amount sent as bullion - the only forms in which gold and silver are received here from any source public or private.

The Asst Treasurer at New York in his letter of the 19th inst, to the Director says of this gold coin "it is similar to that heretofore sent to the Mint as unfit for circulation &c." If the coins proposed to be sent are like those heretofore received, then by all means they should be separately weighed and carefully examined. A very large number of those, particularly the $6.000.000. gold dollars, were not only within the limit, but of full legal weight almost new, and but little, if at all, abraded. I refer to this now,

since any opinion has been asked, merely to indicate that great care should be used. This was also true of the $70[illegible].000. sent by the Asst Treasurer at St Louis; more than one half being within the legal limit and fit for circulation.

The recoinage of light gold should be within the law and its limits.

This coin if within the law can be sent here as bullion, deposited as such, and the actual proceeds paid out of the bullion fund of the Mint, as in other cases; but there is no law or regulation by which the nominal or face value of such deposit could be paid for from the bullion fund, charging the loss, if any, which may accrue

from its receivage in the account for deductions, wastage &c

The letter of the Director of the Mint of June 1873, has no relation to the present case, and cannot and does not control it.

The bullion fund can be increased or diminished by the Secretary of the Treasury directly, as authorized by law, but no law exists by which he can order the nominal value of a deposit to be paid in full out of that fund, the loss to be charged to another fund, or adjusted in some other way. The Mint is not an asset Treasury, and our accounts are kept in values ascertained by actual weight, leaving the difference between the values to be adjusted, in cases like this, - by the last Treasurers from whom the

the bullion is received and the Department is for any loss by abrasion, or dirt, or difference between the nominal value of coin, and the same coin as bullion, it is obvious that the Mint has no funds to meet any such loss whether on government or private accounts

Section 20th Coinage Act 1873, requires that the charges levied shall cover expenses of labor, use of machinery &c, and shall also be sufficient to liquidate the legitimate wastage of the Mint in its operations on Gold received as bullion. It would then place the Mint in a false position if the funds thus set apart by law for certain and clearly expressed purposes should be absorbed by the loss on the re-coinage of the

the Sub Treasury $2,000.000.00 in adjusting the difference between the tale value of the coin and their actual value after re-coinage.

By law the Melter and Refiner and the Coiner claim this fund for their benefit, and the loss on sweeps must also come out of it. Any other application of this fund would be a violation of the law, and if appropriated as suggested in the question submitted, the Mint would have to ask for an appropriation to cover its own wastage, the legal and proper fund for this purpose having been exhausted in misapplying it to adjust the losses on light coin in the offices of the Asst Treasurers.

A careful selection, and weighing of the coin will enable the Asst Treasurer at New York, to send

send here, under your direction, a large portion of this coin, the balance would be legal coin for any practicable purpose.

Whatever may be your conclusion on this subject we will cheerfully comply with your directions.

Very Respectfully
Jas Pollock
Superintendent

Hon.
Wm. T. Richardson.
Secretary of the Treasury.
Washington
D.C

March 30 4

Sir

Your letter of the 28th inst. has been received.

The enclosed letter from Prof Booth will explain the progress made in the erection of the apparatus for the "Miller Chlorine Process" and the reason why the same has not been completed. In due time it will be finished, and will be of great benefit to this Institution.

Very Respectfully

J. A. Rowe

Superintendent

Hon.
H. R. Linderman.
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

Mch 30 4

Sir.

The specimen of ore sent to the Mint, mentioned in your letter of the 26th inst. upon examination proved to be limestone, and contains no metals.

Very Respty
Your Obt
Jas Pollock
Supt

Mr. Wm Fletcher
Quincy
Ills

March 31 4

Sir

Enclosed herewith I forward for examination and payment the following duplicate receipted bills against The Mint at Denver for supplies ordered by Assayer Dickinson, when he was here in February.

S. G. Baughton.	Philadelphia	$81.99
Wm Holzer	"	21.00
George Elliott	"	16.00
Eckfeldt & Richie	"	11.44
Bullock & Crenshaw	"	8.37
C. A. & A. E. Boulitte	"	6.26
C. Gefroner	"	4.81
Chas. B. Hare	"	4.00
S. H. Bailey & Co	"	3.50
	Total	$106.56

I also enclose the bill of lading and corresponding receipt

of the Express transportation Company.

I learn that our Assayer. Mr Du Bois, advised Mr Schirmer of the shipments at the time they were made, and mailed him a list of the articles sent.

Very Respectfully
H. C. Kiskadden
Acting Supt

Hon.
C. R. Linderman
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

Sir

Enclosed herewith I forward
1. Statement of coinage executed during the month of March 1874.

2. Statement of Minor coins redeemed. reissued and exchanged during the same month.

Very Respectfully
H C Kirkpatrick
Actg Supt

Hon.
H. R Linderman
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C

March 31 4

Sir

At the close of business this day I made the usual monthly count and examination of the money in the hands of the cashier of the Mint, with the following result

Gold	$754.475.8
Silver	54.358.
Ordinary account	51.980.89
" A/c. Minor coinage	4.505.54
Minor coinage A/c	76.090.94
" coins Exchanged	849.50
" " Reissued	6.425.00
" coinage Redemption Fund.	112.870.98
Total	$1.060.057.52

which corresponds with his books.

I also made examination into the general condition and operations of the Mint and the

Institution was found to be in good working order and its business conducted in a careful and satisfactory manner.

Very Respectfully
W. E. Kinsolk
Asst Supt

Chas.
H. R. Linderman.
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

April 1 4

Sir

The specimen of ore sent by you to the Mint for analysis, proves upon examination to be peroxide of iron, and contains no silver.

Very Respectfully
James Pollock
Supt

per W.P.

Mr. J. R. Whitte
Sweet Vale
Luzerne Co
Pa.

April 27

Sir

The nickel and copper
remedium 4 p.c. bid, two which bids
were invited by your direction,
was sold to Harrington Bro. at
24 cents per lb, that being the best
bid received, and accepted by
you.

Enclosed herewith I forward
draft No 788, dated April 26 from
the proceeds purchase which I will
thank you to forward, with the
accompanying letter to the Secretary
of the Treasury.

Very Respectfully
H.B. Hickok
Acting Supt

Hon.
H. R. Linderman
Director of the Mint
Washington D.C.

April 2 47

Sir

Enclosed I forward herewith, bill from the Asst Treasurer, U.S. at Philadelphia No 788. for $4,188.72 proceeds of the sale of 4950 pounds of nickel and copper residue, sold with the approval of the Director of the Mint to Flanagan Bro. at 24 cents a pound. That being the best bid received for the same.

Very Respectfully
H.S. Kinsock
Assay Supt

Hon
Wm A Richardson
Secretary of the Treasury
Washington
D.C.

April 4 4

Sir

Enclosed herewith I forward. Weekly Report of the Coinage at this Mint for the week ending April 4. 1874.

Very Respectfully

J. A. Hoch

Superintendent

Hon.

H. R. Linderman.

Director of the Mint

Washington

D.C.

April 6 4

Mr A. S. Mauck
Danville, Montour Co. Pa.
Dear Sir,

The Assayer has made a chemical examination of the mineral you left here, and finds no gold or silver in it. Simply an iron ore.

The Mint Charge of $5 is received.

Truly yours
J. P. Kloss

April 7 /4

Sir

The specimen sent by you in a paper box, is common white sand, with a small bit of galena in it; of no value.

Respy yours

Jno A Folwell
Supt

Mr Markus Stehn
Weiconisco
Dauphin Co
Pa

April 6th 4

Sir

The $220.00 in new Silver coin forwarded by you on the 2nd inst; has been received and in return we send you this day, per Adams Express, two hundred new Trade Dollars.

Very respectfully

Superintendent

Hon F. E. Spinner
Treasurer of the U. S.
Washington
D. C

April 6 74

Sir:

Enclosed I transmit my a/c. of Ordinary Expenditures for the month of March 1874.

Very Respectfully Your
J. W. Wood
Supt

Hon H. R. Linderman
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

April 6 4

Sir

I herewith return as requested the three photographs of Prof Agassiz. the remaing four I have distributed to the Director Assayer, Coiner and myself, as authorized in your letter of the 30th ult.

We are progressing with the medal, and our Engraver will, I think, produce an admirable likeness of the Professor. It will be a success. Will submit designs. Very Respectfully

Supt

Robm.

Prof. R. Linderman,
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

April 7 4

Sir

I have duly received your letter of the 15th of March inst, and in reply I herewith enclose you a copy of our current Medal Circular, to which you are respectfully referred for a portion of the information called for in your letter.

The first 81 medals on the list are Bronze, and the remainder Gold and Silver, as specified. The price of the Bronze medals is payable in U.S. paper currency, and the others in Gold and Silver, respectively, or the equivalent in currency.

I will be pleased to fill any order you may send for. These med

or proof sets of U. S. coins of the current year, accompanied by a sight draft or bill of exchange on Philadelphia or New York, which would be agreeable to me, and I presume most convenient for you.

The Army and Navy medals vary in device, no two of them being alike in design.

Very Respectfully
J. Ka. Polloc
Supt.

Mr. W. H. Johnston
407. Strand
London
Eng

Sept 5th 44

Sir.

In reply to your inst regard for a Statement of our mode of proceeding in the manufacture of the Mint Coins I would respectfully say that the Metals are purchased with the Mint Coinage Metal Fund whenever they are required by the Melter & Refiner, the Superintendent taking his receipt for them. The Melter & Refiner works them into ingots of a standard value and when ready for coinage they are taken to the rolling and cutting room in the presence of the representatives of the Melter & Refiner, the Superintendent and the Coiner, where the planchets are cut and weighed in bulk, through the Superintendent to the Coiner, and the chips pieces are retained by the Melter & Refiner to be melting. Receipts are passed at the same time, and the Coiner takes the planchets and

Exchanges of new Coin for the old issued, as per Section 3d & 4th, Ibid. The Assistants on having the Mint & Branch Carry their Coin and Profit with them to the Coins and from time to the Superintendent, but in the Package shall be deducted at the rate of the Seal now for one thousand by the Mint & Branch (Profit & Loss) A/c. is only a gross sum, and the actual profit must be sought for in the Mint Coinage A/c, by deducting the Expenses of Distribution and the Mint Coinage Mint Fund from the total Coinage, and allowing for such Coins as are exchanged for the new. In this Connection it would be well to suggest that we are entirely unauthorized as to the disposition of the Coins heretofore issued to, amounting at this time to the sum of $ 819.50, some $ 800 of which are Old Copper, Cents 1st and Bronze 2d pieces.

Very Respectfully Your

Hon R.K. Lindeman
Director of the Mint.

Asst.

April 7th 4

Sir:

Enclosed find Medal and Proof coin reports of Coiner for Quarter ending March 31st 1874, as follows

A. Fine and Standard Gold and Silver used in Manufacture of Medals

B. Copper used in the Manufacture of Medals

D. Gold Proof Coins

L. Silver Proof Coins

J. Gold Medals

K. Silver Medals

H. Bronze Medals.

Also Superintendents Report of Medals and Proof Coin as follows:

E. Gold Medals

I. Silver Medals

C. Gold Proof Coins

F. Silver Proof Coins

G. Bronze Medals

All of which is submitted in accordance with regulations

Very respectfully

Jas. Pollock

Superintendent

Hon H. R. Linderman
Director of the Mint
Washington
D. C

April 7 7

Sir

I herewith forward my report of Silver Coins and deliveries at this Mint for the Quarter ending March 31. 1874.

Very Respectfully

J. A. Pollock

Superintendent

Hon.
H. R. Linderman
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C

April 8 4

Gentlemen.

The 100 empty barrels forwarded to the Mint as mentioned in your letter of March 31st, were duly received.

This is in excess of the number sent to you, and upon a careful examination of the lot, it is found that only 64 of the number are in good enough condition to be suitable for our purposes. For these I will pay you at the rate of one dollar a piece, the remaining 36 are at your disposal, and I will thank you to have them removed at your early convenience.

P.S. This offer is not satisfactory

Gen. I must ask you to make such action early disposition of the section lot as you may think best.

Very Respectfully
Jas. Ogden
Supt.

Mess.
C. K. Dennis & Son
Newark
N. J.

April 8 4

Sir

Your letter of the 7th inst has been received.

You have been misinformed. The Mint has no intention for sale, or otherwise.

Very Respectfully

Jas. Pollock

Supt.

Mr.

E. L. Walrath

122 Liberty St

New York.

April 8 4

Sir

Referring to your letter of March 20th, ult. enclosing copy of letter from the Superintendent of the Mint at San Francisco, advising you of a missing Trade Dollar in my returns for the Special assay coins for the year 1873. I find a Trade dollar charged for the month of July, 1873, which our Assayer alleges never came into his hands, at least he has no record of it on his books. But to settle the matter he has handed me a Trade Dollar, which I herewith enclose to you in place of the missing one.

Hereafter the western packages of special assay coins will

be closed and examined by my Chief Clerk and the Assayer, on their arrival, before the latter receipts for them.

Very Respectfully
L. A. Pollock
Superintendent

Hon.
H. R. Linderman.
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

April 8 4

Sir

Your letter of the 6th inst, enclosing six foil impressions of the Fld American Coppers cents, has been received.

One of the impressions sent is too obscure to give us any clue to the identity of the original.

The description of the others as follows.

One of the many Washington cents.

Description

Washington and Independence,
Obverse, Bust of Washington, enveloped in a Roman mantle, and laureated, facing to the left.
Date 1783.
Reverse, One cent. inscribed between branches of laurels, crossed.

Beneath is the fraction &c. Legend
United States of America. Rare.

Very Respectfully

Dr. Pollock

Calvin P. Bowles. Esq
Assayer U.S. Assay office
Charlotte
N. C.

April 8 1

Willis L Bankirk
Allegheny City.

Your letter of the
10th inst. has been rec'd.
In reply would say
that the Mint does not deal
in coins in the manner you
mention. only proof sets
of the current year. as per
Circular enclosed.

Your application
should be made to Coin
Dealers. I enclose you card
of one in this City.

The two dollars ($2.)
enclosed in your letter are
herewith returned.

Yours truly
Jas Pollock
Supt

per [illegible]
Asst Clerk

April 9 -4

Sir.

Your inquiry of the 8th inst, with regard to the broken seals on a box of Ten Trade Dollar dies forwarded to the Mint at Carson, has been received.

I do not believe the box had been opened. The breakage was probably caused by shrinkage of the wood, and the jar of handling en route.

The dies were packed and the box screwed up in the office of the Engraver of the Mint, and as the order for the dies was urgent, and it was near the time of closing the Express office for the day, the box was sent down to the Agent and sealed by one of

my employees engaged there, whilst myself and Chief Clerk were closely occupied, and as the Express men were sealing up other packages at the time, the seal of the Express Company was inadvertantly put on this box also.

Hereafter such boxes will be carefully sealed, screw heads and all, by strangers, before being taken to the Express office.

I may add here, that the boxes of assay coins from the Philadelphia Mint sometimes come to us with the seals cracked on the line in a similar manner, evidently caused by the springing of the wood.

Very Respectfully

Your obt. Servt.

Hon. R. M. Linderman.

Director of the Mint.

Superintendent

April 9 64

Sir.

Please draw your Transfer Order for the Sum of Ten Thousand Nine Hundred and Seventy Five (10,975) Dollars for a/c. of Minor Coins Redeemed & Reissued.

Very Respectfully Yours

Jas. Powell
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Hon. F. E. Spinner
Treasurer U. S.
Washington
D C.

April 9. 1

Gentlemen,

Please endorse on the
Enclosed bills, over your respective
Signatures, an authority to some
one there, say Oscar F. Bolfield,
as on the former occasion, to
receive the amount of the bills.
Mr. Bolfield can then receipt
the warrant, and the money
will be forwarded to you, by
Express, or in any other way
that you may direct.

Very Respectfully
Your Obed't
Serv't

Messrs
H. G. Torrey, Assayer
And. E. Mason, M.A.P.
U.S. Assay Office
New York

April 10 4

Sir

Your letter of March 31st ult. asking whether any of the required mottos could be placed in sunken letters around the edge of our coin by the present machinery without any expensive alterations, has been received.

They could not, particularly if the work is to be done in a manner creditable to our institution, and the progress of Art. For my views in full on the subject of sunken and raised letters on the edge of our coin, and the change in machinery necessary, I refer you to my letter of this date enclosing the letter of the Coiner on the same or similar subjects. Apart from the

change of machinery and the expense incident thereto, our motives embodying the patriotic and moral thought of the nation should not be removed from the face and concealed on the edge of the coin. In this I know you will fully concur.

Very Respectfully

J. P. Pollock

Superintendent

Hon.

Wm. P. Liderman

Director of the Mint

Washington

D.C.

April 10 4

Sir

I herewith enclose the Report of the Melter and Refiner of this Gold and Silver melting at this Mint for the month of March 1874.

Very Respectfully

Superintendent

Hon.
H. E. Linderman
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

April 10 /7

Sir

In accordance with your letter of the 2nd ult. I now inclose the further reply of the Engraver on the subject of lettering the rim of the coin &c,

We have had repeated consultations on this matter, and his letter embodies my views and suggestions generally, if not fully.

In my judgment and after comparison of views with the Engraver and others here, I am satisfied that neither sunken or raised letters on the rim of the coins would afford any better protection against counterfeiting by the "Draft Process" than our present milled edge; nor could sunken or raised letters be used

without expensive alterations
of our present machinery.

Nothing would be gained
either in appearance or security
by the change under consideration.

Very Respectfully
[illegible]
Superintendent

Hon.
H. R. Linderman.
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

April 10 4

Sir

I herewith forward the bairns Report of Gold and Silver workings of this Department for the month of March 1874.

Very Respectfully
A. Pagod
Superintendent

Hon.
R. R. Lindeman
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

April 10 4

Sir

Enclosed I forward the oath of allegiance of Miss Mary E. Norwell, recently appointed Adjuster in the Loans Department of the Mint.

Very Respectfully
Your Obt
Jas. Pollock
Superintendent

To
Hon
W. P. Lindeman.
Director of the Mint.
Washington
DC

Telegram

U. S. Mint, Phila. 4

Hon. H. R. Linderman. Director U. S. Mint. Treasury
Dept. Washington. D.C.
Medal not yet melted — write
details.

Jas. Pollock
Supt.

April 11 4

Sir

By direction of the Secretary of the Treasury I forward to you to day by the Adams Express Company whose receipt I herewith enclose. Four hundred and forty six thousand three hundred and twenty four $\frac{50}{100}$ dollars ($446,324.50$) in Gold coin. the proceeds of the recoinage of $470,000. tale value. of light gold coin received from the Asst Treasurer U. S. at New Orleans. La. to be deposited to the credit of the Treasurer. U. S. and the usual C/D returned to me.

I also enclose the Mint Memorandum. No. 79.

Very Respectfully

C. [illegible]
Supt

Thos. Hillhouse. Esq
Asst. Treas. U.S.

April 11 74

Sir

I have received from the Supt of the Mint at San Francisco, via Express, one Double Eagle, one Trade Dollar, and one Half Dollar, Special Assay coins restored at that Mint during the month of March 1874.

Very Respectfully
A. L. Colton
Superintendent

Hon.
H. R. Linderman.
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

April 11 74

Sir

Enclosed I forward Weekly Report of the coinage at this Mint for the week ending April 11. 1874.

Very Respectfully
J. A. Pollock
Superintendent

Hon.
H. R. Linderman
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

April 11 74

Sir

In pursuance of instructions from the Secretary of the Treasury, I forward you to day by the Adams Express Company, whose receipt I herewith enclose, Fifty seven thousand, Nine hundred and Eighty three Dollars ($57,983.00) gold coin. The proceeds of the recoinage of $58,497. tale value, light gold coin, received March 20. 1874. from the Treasurer. U. S. Washington. D.C. to be deposited to the credit of the Treasurer. U. S. and the usual C/D returned to me.

I also enclose the Mint Memorandum No. 203.

Very Respectfully
E. O. Leech
Supt

Thos Wilkinson Esq
Asst Treas. U. S.

April 11th 4

Cashier of the Mint
Phila.

Sir:

You will please deliver to the Melter & Refiner for melting and recoinage from the (Minor Coin Redemption Fund) Ten Thousand (10.000.00) Dollars in one cent Nickel Coin, as per authority of the Director of the Mint, in his letter and telegram of 24th April 1873; also letter of 23d Jan.y. 1874

Very Respectfully

Jos. Wood
Asst

April 13 4

Sir.

Your letter of the 10th inst. asking the amount of old copper cents on hand, has been received.

Upon examination of our vaults containing the minor coins redeemed and exchanged, I find the old copper cents on hand to be as follows.

Old Copper Cents Redemption a/c	$8,744.74
Do Do Exchange "	202.83
Total	$8,947.57

I agree with you that some plan should be adopted to dispose of these old cents, and the one you suggest is good, and if carried out would simplify the matter.

Very Respectfully

Superintendent

From Ph. R. Linderman.
Director of the Mint.
Washington D.C.

April 13 74

Sir

Your letter of the 11th inst. requesting me to send you twenty five trade dollars, has been received.

I have this day sent you by Express twenty five semi proof trade dollars, value in silver coin twenty seven $\frac{50}{100}$ dollars ($27.50) which you can remit in a manner most convenient for yourself.

Very Respectfully

J. P. Kimball

Superintendent

Hon.

H. R. Linderman

Director of the Mint

Washington

D.C.

April 13 4

Sir

Your letter of the 11th inst. directing the Field gold medal to be delivered to the order of Cyrus W. Field upon the payment of its value, has been received.

The Medal was delivered to the Melter and Refiner in the usual course of business, as bullion. It had been injured in several places, there being one battered indentation on the edge an eighth of an inch in depth, and nearly an inch in length. From this dent a piece, worth perhaps two dollars, coin value, was chipped for assay, but no record kept of it, and the chip was thrown among the miscellaneous fragments

in the Melter and Refiners vault.

The medal as it stands weighs 27.15 ozs and 997/1000 fine. The weight in standard ozs is 20.091. value in gold coin $20.09 83/100.

The slight indentations could readily be removed, and an expert gold smith could doubtless fill up the assay gap so as to make it as good as new.

Very Respectfully
J. A. Snowden
Superintendent

Hon.
W. E. Linderman
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

April 13 4

Sir

I have to report that Miss M. J. Harshaw, Adjuster in the boilers department, retired from the Mint, on the 1st of April, inst, and her name has been dropped from the rolls.

Very Respectfully

Jas Pollock

Superintendent

Hon

H. R. Linderman.

Director of the Mint

Washington

D.C

Philadelphia

April 14 4

March 4

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John Pollock

April 14 4

Hon: N. R. Leiberman
Director &c &c

Sir

I have to reply to your letter of the 8th inst. accompanying a "Proposed Resolution" in Congress on the subject of Dr. S. S. Barclay's schemes of Coinage.

Dr Barclay began, thirty-eight years ago, to press his plans upon the attention of Congress, and the Mint. It is hardly proper to call them plans, for they were only half-formed ideas, as will appear from his first letter of inquiries, addressed to Robert M. Patterson, then Director of the Mint; and also from the letter of the Director, addressed to the Secretary of the Treasury, March 19, 1836. Herewith I send copies of both these papers, especially as you have asked for the latter (A and B).

This however, was only the beginning of the trouble, although for the time it seemed to be set at rest.

Twenty years after, in the Directorship of J. Ross Snowden (1856) he appears again at the Mint, with a Resolution of Congress; and the next year with an assisting Commission, and an appropriation of money. — It would be tedious to you, and I trust it is unnecessary, to enter into much detail of the ensuing examinations, which dragged along for four years (to 1860) and of course created a large bundle of papers and vouchers. Let it suffice to give a condensed history.

The Commission, consisting of two much esteemed Professors in the University of Pennsylvania, made a Report to the Senate in April 1860, in which they expressed the opinion that Dr Barclay had made "a promising beginning". This proved to be the end of it, however; for not long after, the Rebellion broke out, and as he could not cross the lines, he left the country and remained absent till peace was restored.

Here let me say, that one of those gentlemen died some years ago; the other, who has since become acquainted with the processes and requisites of coinage, (although not in the Mint,) has verbally expressed his belief that the schemes were not practicable.

Six years later, (1866,) Dr Barclay was before Congress for the third time. This fell within my Directorship; and the Statement which I furnished to the Committee on Coinage in the H.R., through Mr. Kasson the Chairman, saved us from any further trouble.

He is now for the fourth time upon us; and having been treated in former times with an attention and patience which was due to a legislative resolution, and having had fair and full play for his various notions, it is time to speak plainly, and affirm that they have no merit or claim whatever; and that it would be a waste of time, labor, money,

to renew his investigations.

It was perfectly evident, in spite of some mystification, that Dr Barclay had no definite plans, and had made no discovery. He wished, by a lodgment in the Mint, and mixing with the officers and workmen, to strike upon something to the purpose. Although a gentleman of great industry and perseverance, and familiar with the use of the turning-lathe, and some other implements (which were placed in the room set apart for his use,) he had little knowledge of the processes of coining, or of machinery for coining, or of the nature of alloys of the precious metals.

He had some specimen planchets of his own making, some of which were in wavy or corrugated shapes; others had deep gutters on the disks and the edges, to prevent boring and drilling and filling. These are the product of the turning lathe. Another idea was to protect the periphery by engraved devices,

which for want of requisite machinery, was not carried out. It is however an old expedient to prevent tampering, much used in Europe, and under consideration here.

It is too plain to need remark, that Coinage is both a Science and an Art, of no easy acquisition; and if it is to be further improved, it will not be by those who have no experience in it.

In conclusion I have only to say, that the evils which are to be cured by these plans, such as Abrasion, Counterfeiting, Filling, &c., have been greatly overstated. In regard to Abrasion, I beg leave to refer to what was said in my Annual Report for the year ending June 1862. — And in regard to fraudulent practices, I stated in my letter to the Committee on Coinage, May 3, 1864, the results of inquiries which I had made of prominent Specie-brokers in Philadelphia and New York, and of the U.S. Treasuries. "Taking the worst view, it appears, that in specie-paying

tenders, when bad or doubtful pieces were more abundant than now, the proportion of such among gold coins, was not greater than one dollar in one thousand. At present it is sometimes one in 2000, sometimes one in 5000. — But then, the coin in the large Depositories is almost entirely genuine. Various Tellers report, that they count lots in which there is hardly one bad coin in a million. — All this is very different from "two per cent." — I have not inquired about silver. Nearly all the imitations are type-metal casts, which easily betray themselves."

The foregoing history is substantially the same as that given to Mr. Kasson, in 1865. Along with it were two papers, from our Melter and Refiner, and Engraver, of which I append copies (C and D), that the Committee may better see how the Mint was to be taught to make alloys, and to make dies.

Very respectfully J. R. Pollock Supt.

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tion is, when bad or doubtful pieces were more abundant than now, the proportion of each and every gold coin, was not greater than five dollars in one thousand. At present it is sometimes one in 2000, sometimes one in 5000. — And then, the coin in the large depositories is almost entirely genuine. Bankers believe at last, that they count lots in which there is hardly one bad coin in a million. — All this is very different from "two per cent." — I have not inquired as to silver. Nearly all the imitations are base-metal casts, which easily betray themselves.

The foregoing history is substantially the same as that given by Mr. Kagin, in 1864. Also, with it were two papers, for use of the Coin Committee, and Engravers, which I copied, C and D, that the Committee may better see how the Mint is to be managed to make it pay, and to [illegible] dies.

Very respectfully, [illegible]

April 14 64

Sir

Please draw your Transfer Order for the Sum of Ten Thousand (10.000) Dollars, to reimburse you in part for Nickel Coin withdrawn from the Redemption Fund and recoined into Nickel 5¢ Pieces.

Very Respectfully Yours

J. W. Ellwood
Superintendent

Hon. W. P. Spinner
Treasurer U. S.
Washington
D. C.

April 17 7

Sir

Your letter of the 10th inst has just been received.

The reply to yours of the 9th inst, in relation to the Barclay matter, was prepared and mailed this morning, so that you will have our views in full on this chronic subject. I hope that Congress and your Department will promptly disapprove of all further agitation of a proposition of little merit and less importance to the public.

On May 2d 1866. I reported in full to Mr Kasson, Chairman of the Committee on Coinage, this Report satisfied the Committee that Mr Barclays plan was not of the

importance he represented it to be, and no action was then taken on the matter.

On the subject of abrasion of the gold coins we will shortly give you a final report of the examination of the light gold sent here for recoinage.

In making the examination several bags of coins were selected indiscriminately, weighed, and carefully examined as to date, abrasion, whether natural or artificial, counterfeit &c. Then a number of single pieces of the various denominations were in like manner selected, weighed and examined. The general result may be summed up as follows.

We have received and recoined up to this time light gold coin of the value, in round numbers, of (about) $20.000.000. The abrasion from

every cause, natural or artificial, will not exceed the one half of one per cent on that amount. Our examination satisfied us that almost the entire loss was due to natural abrasion. Abrasion by artificial means, sweating &c. cannot always be distinguished from ordinary abrasion. But we found so few coins among these millions that bore even a suspicious look, that we are convinced that the number of counterfeit and illegally manipulated coin has been vastly overrated.

In our examinations here the number of counterfeit and filled pieces was very small; two filled pieces, one $5. and one $10. and other denominations in all not exceeding $25. in value. Although all the pieces in the $20,000,000. recoined were not

examined singly, yet care was taken in their numerous handlings to discover the character of the coin, and detect the counterfeit. The result is given above. I believe the ratio of counterfeit coin to the genuine is very much less than is generally supposed, at least it would appear from the above that very little spurious or counterfeit coin reaches our public depositories. From this also I infer, and therefore answer your question as to "how far the fraudulent reduction of our coin is actually carried" by saying that it is neither general nor extensive; not more perhaps than one in every five, or ten thousand pieces.

As to the question of discontinuing the pickling of the gold blanks and the substitution of

cleaning by alkalies. I think I have replied; but now say, that all here are in full accord on that subject. Cleaning by alkalies cannot be substituted for pickling. The grease and dirt can be taken from the blanks by alkalies, but the oxide cannot. That can only be removed by pickling, and the blanks thus made bright and fit for the press; otherwise each piece would require washing and scouring to brighten it. We use a weak solution of sulphuric acid for the purpose, and but little, if any, loss of the metals of the coin takes place, not greater than washing sufficient in alkalies and other manipulations necessary to brighten the coin,

used & produced.

Very Respectfully
[illegible] Pollard
Superintendent

Hon.
W. R. Lindeman
Director-Optic Unit
Washington
D.C.

April 10 7

Sir

Enclosed herewith I forward $/O No. 0078 April 10 ct. from the Asst Treasurer U.S. at New York, for fifty seven Thousand, Nine Hundred and Eighty three 21/100 Dollars. ($57,983.21/100.) coin. The proceeds of the recoinage of 8.8.+97. light gold coin. deposited March 10. 1874 by the Treasurer U. S. Washington. D.C. by direction of the Secretary of the Treasury.

I also enclose the Mint Memorandum No 268.

Very Respectfully

[signature]

Supt

Poon.

Wm A Richardson.
Secretary of the Treasury
Washington D.C.

April 15 4

Sir

Enclosed herewith I forward d/c. No. 857. April 14th. from the Asst Treasurer U.S. at New York, for Four Hundred and Forty six Thousand, Three Hundred and twenty four $\frac{58}{100}$ Dollars, ($446,324.58) coin, the proceeds of the recoinage of $50.000 light gold coin, deposited January 17. 1874 by the Asst Treasurer at New Orleans, La, by the direction of the Secretary of the Treasury.

I also enclose the Mint Memorandum No. 79.

Very Respectfully

Wm. Richardson
Secy of the Treasury.
Washington. D.C.

Superintendent

April 16 4

Sir

The recoinage of $58.497. (tale value) light gold coin, deposited by you on the 10th of March. inst. netted the sum of $57.983.20. which I deposited April 14th with the Asst Treasurer at New York. and have to day forwarded the b/a to the Secretary of the Treasury.

I enclose herewith the Mint Memorandum No. 263.

Very Respectfully

J. Ross Snowden

Superintendent

Hon.
L. E. Spinner.
Treasurer. U. S
Washington
D.C.

April 15 74

Sir

On the 14th inst by direction of the Secretary of the Treasury, I deposited with the Asst Treasurer at New York, to the credit of the Treasurer U. S. $446,824.50/100 coin, the proceeds of the recoinage of $450,000. light gold coin, received from you January 17. 1874. and have to day forwarded the b/e. to the Secretary,

I enclose herewith the Mint Memorandum No. 79.

Very respectfully
J. Ledoux
Superintendent

Benjamin L. Flanders, Esq.
Asst Treas. U. S
New Orleans
La

April 10 4

Sir

I have this day received by Express from the Mint at San Francisco, a box of annual assay coins for the Quarter ending March 31. 1874.

Very Respectfully

J. W. Ferguson
Superintendent

Hon.
H. R. Linderman
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

April 18 4

Sir

Enclosed herewith I forward for payment, duplicate receipted bills of David Gilbert Son of this City, against the Mint at Denver for $185.00 for machinery and apparatus furnished per order of Assayer Schirmer.

I also forward duplicate B/L.

Very Respectfully
Your Obt Svt
Superintendent

Hon.
W. L. Linderman
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

April 17 7

Sir

As per your instructions of the 16th inst. I herewith send you by the Adams Express Company, Twenty five Dollars ($25.00) currency, the amount of your bill.

Mr Schofield has received private instructions from Mr Mason for the disposition of the amount of his bill.

Very Respectfully
J. M. Forney
Superintendent

H. G. Somers Esq
U. S. Navy Office
New York.

April 17 7

Sir

Your draft of the 16th inst. for $1.70. gold coin, has been received and in compliance with your request, I send you to day by the Adams Express Company, a like amount of assorted gold coins of 1874. as specified in your letter.

Express receipt enclosed

Very Respectfully

[illegible]

Superintendent

Hon

L. R. Tuttle.

Asst Treasurer U. S.

Washington

D.C.

April 1st 74

Sir.

Enclosed I hand you a Statement of Earnings and Expenditures for the 1st. Quarter 1874.

Very Respectfully Your
H. C. Hook
Acting Supt

Hon. H. R. Lindeman
Director U. S. Mint
Washington
D. C.

Statement of Earnings and Expenditures at the Mint of the United States at Philadelphia for the 1st quarter 1874.

Earnings

Coinage Charges	$ 3571.95	
Parting &c. Do.	1.038.111	
Seigniorage Profits	28.177.13	$ 32.787.52
Minor Coinage Profits (Approximate)		$ 68.483.80

Expenditures.

Waste -	Regular Ordinary &c.		$ 35.299.55
Do.	Minor Coinage &c.		26.970.84
Salaries -	Regular Ordinary &c.		8.575.
Incidentals -	Do.	Do.	12.022.31
Do.	Minor Coinage &c.		4.657.29
Expenses of Transportation	(Minor Coins)		3.227.80
Do.	Do.	(Silver Coins)	2.317.07

April 18 74

Sir

Enclosed herewith I forward, Weekly Statement of the Coinage of this Mint for the week ending April 18th 1874.

Very Respectfully

H. Richards

Acting Superintendent

Hon.
H. R. Linderman.
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

April 18 4

Sir

Your letter of the 17th inst. has been received this morning, enclosing draft on the Asst Treasurer U.S. at Philadelphia, for Forty dollars. ($40.00) in payment for 20 Eagle Dollars forwarded to you on the 10th inst. It is within a few cents of the exact amount, and will be accepted as closing the account without further

Very Respectfully
H. S. Kent
Acting Supt

Hon
H. R. Linderman.
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

April 21 4

Sir

I have received by mail from the Mint at Carson three boxes of annual assay coins for the quarter ending March 31. 1874. and one box of Special Test coins for the month of March 1874.

Very Respectfully
W. B. Kerr
Acting Supt

Hon.
H. R. Linderman
Director of the Mint
Washington
D. C.

April 21 7

Sir

The coin value of the "50" octagonal gold piece forwarded by Express on the 20th inst. is $49.50 which amount I have deposited to your credit with the Asst Treasurer U.S. at Philadelphia, as per the directions in your letter of the 20th inst; and herewith forward the usual certificate.

Very Respectfully
Yrs Obdt
acting Supt.

Hon
T. E. Spinner
Treasurer U. S.
Washington
D.C.

April 21 4

Sir

The Lyons Mc Dill gold medal has just been returned by Messrs Th. Macauley & Co. No 908 Chestnut St. the Goldsmiths in whose hands it had been placed for repairs, and will be delivered to the Mint tomorrow to restore the impression of the dies. It will doubtless be ready for delivery by the 30th inst. as requested in your letter of yesterday.

Very Respectfully
[illegible]
Acting Supt

Copy.
Col. R. Linderman.
Director of the Mint.
Washington
D.C.

April 21 74

Sir

Enclosed herewith I forward the following statements for the month of March 1874.

1. Deposits and Purchases of Gold and Silver Bullion.
2. Gold and Silver of domestic production deposited.
3. Bars manufactured.

Very Respectfully
H C Kinkead
Acting Supt

Hon.
Pat. R Linderman.
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

April 21 7

Sir

Your inquiry of the 12th inst. has been received to day.

There are no such instruments known as your letter seems to indicate.

The examination of ores requires a thorough knowledge of Chemistry, and a great deal of study and practice, for which there are schools in the Eastern Cities. Some years would be necessary to train a person properly to this business.

As a matter of accommodation the Mint makes examination of ores at a charge of $5. for each specimen

Very Respectfully

Your Obt Servt

Acting Supt.

Mr. Jas. M. Bowden
Dover, Pope Co
Ark

April 22 4

Sir

The Field Medal has been made as good as new in all respects, and is now ready for delivery.

It was sent to me by the Department as Bullion, and turned over as such to the Melter and Refiner, to whom I must account for it in new, uncoin gold coin, to make him whole.

As reported to you on the 18th inst. the coin value of the medal is $57.92. There is also a charge of $10. currency, due the goldsmiths for repairs.

Very Respectfully
E. Jas. Townsend
Superintendent

Hon.
H. R. Linderman.
Director of the Mint
Washington. D.C.

April 2d 4

Geo. Ashby Esq
Mobile

Enclosed find
one hundred dollars in Exchange
for the three dollars returned in
your note of the 22. inst.

I am Sir
Your Obt Servt
Jas Powell
Supt.

April 22 1857

Sir

In pursuance of instructions from the Director of the Mint, I have forwarded to you to day by the Adams Express Company, a package containing the original gold medal voted by Congress to Cyrus W. Field, Esq. for laying the Atlantic Cable. It had been mislaid in the vaults of the Treasury Department, and the intention of Congress was fulfilled by furnishing a duplicate to Mr Field. The original turned up recently, and was sent to the Mint to be melted down as bullion. But the order countermanded, and the medal directed to be forwarded to Mr Field upon the payment of the

Sculptor value. It came to me in somewhat battered condition, and after its arrival an assay chip was taken out to test the fineness of the metal. This chip was supplied by a goldsmith, and the medal subjected to pressure under the dies, restoring a perfect impression.

You will please notify Mr. Hall to call for the medal, and you will deliver it to him upon the payment of the two enclosed receipted bills, one for $1.50 in new gold coin, and the goldsmith's bill for $10. in currency. Both amounts will be forwarded to me here by Express at Mr. Hall's expense. I have no fund out of which to pay the Express Charges.

Yours respectfully

E. Jarvis Brooks
Supt

Thos. L. Elder, Esq
New York

April 28 74

Sir

The printed Table of Charges at the N. Y. Assay Office, inclosed in your letter of the 22d inst. has been carefully examined and found to be correct. It is herewith returned, together with a copy of two communications from your office, under date of May 1st and August 1. 1873. which contain the further information called for in your letter.

Very Respectfully

Your Obt Servt

Superintendent

H. R. Linderman.
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

April 23rd 74.

Sir

Enclosed find Statement of Old Material sold during Quarter ending March 31st 1874.
The 25¢ balance is in the vault, was overlooked, but will be deposited this Quarter.

Very respectfully
A. Loud
Superintendent

Hon H. R. Linderman
Director of the Mint
Washington
D. C

April 24 7

Sir

Your letter of the 23d inst. enclosing sundry questions in regard to various coins, has been received.

In reply would inform you, that the first nickel cent was coined in the year 1857. although specimen pieces were struck in 1856.

The first bronze cent and two cent piece were coined in 1864.

The first three cent silver piece was coined in 1851. and the first three cent nickel coin in 1865.

The first silver five cent pieces were coined in 1794. and the first nickel five cent coin in 1866.

The bronze two cent, the ~~nickel~~ & silver three and five cent pieces were abolished by Act of Congress 1873, taking effect the 1st of April. and are no longer coined.

The nickel five and three cent pieces are still issued.

Any further information you may desire will be cheerfully furnished.

I herewith enclose you our Medal circulars and return the "questions" enclosed in your letter as requested.

Very truly Yours
T. J. Brown
Supt.

Mr. Geo. C. Eggleston.
Editor "Hearth & Home"
New York.

April 24 41

Sir

We have received a letter from you enclosing a draft for $1.000=, payable to the order of the Treasurer of the U. S.
The letter states that you enclose a draft for $50.= to be returned in Minor Coins
As this is evidently a Mistake we hold the draft Subject to your order. Please advise us at once.

Make drafts for Minor Coins payable to the order of the Treas of the Mint.

Yours respectfully

Jas. Pollock
Superintendent

O. Ballard Jr
Cash: First Nat. Bk
Circleville
Ohio

April 24 4

Gentlemen.

Your letter of the 9th and 23d inst, has been received.

On re-examination many of the barrels sent by you were condemned by our Cooper and Melter & Refiner as unfit for our purposes- some being old oil barrels and others so broken at the bilge as to be useless. I have been trying to sell them for you. We have received an offer from a dealer, who after full examination offered 75 cts a piece for them, as their full value. How to settle this matter I will allow you $1. for 54 barrels, and 75 cts for the remaining 46. of these latter a few perhaps can be used here.

If this is satisfactory, make out duplicate bills, receipt them, and send them to me, with an authority to Mr Geo B Thompson, Express Agent to receive, and receive the money for, and to send it to you. The form of bills and authority is enclosed, indorsed authority on both bills, and let the signatures to the receipt and power be by one of the members of the firm, and not by a clerk.

Very Respectfully
Jas Brown
Supt

Messrs.
S. L. Dennis & Son
Newark
N. J.

April 25 7

Sir

In herewith forwarding our requisition of this date for $24,591.66 funds for the month of May, perceive, you will see that I have drawn for the entire unexpended balance of the regular appropriation for Wages of Workmen. This with what we have on hand, will carry us safely through that month, but we will be obliged to suspend operations early in the month of June, unless Congress make the deficiency appropriation for Wages that had already been applied for. It is proper that I should call your attention to this very serious fact.

Very respectfully
Your obt. Servt.

Hon. H. R. Linderman.
Director of the Mint.

April 25 74

Sir

Enclosed I forward Weekly Report of Coinage executed at this Mint for the week ending April 25, 1874.

Very Respectfully
[illegible]
Superintendent

Hon.
H. R. Linderman.
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

April 27 1

Gentlemen.

Your duplicate bills for vessels are herewith returned for you to sign the authorization on the back to Gen. C. Harrison, Express Agent, to receive the money, which is necessary to the payment of the money and the settlement of my account by the Treasury Department. I requested this in my last letter, but you overlooked it. As soon as you return the bills, enclosed, they will be paid.

Very respectfully
Your Obedient
Servant
Lieut

Maj.
C. C. Harrison
Newark
N. J.

April 27 4

Sir-

In reply to your letter of the 10th inst. with regard to the price paid for lard oil per gallon for Mint purposes, I enclose a letter from the Miner through whom the purchase was made, also copy of one from the dealer supplying the oil, explaining that we required the very best quality of lard oil, and this cannot be furnished at the rate for ordinary oil, nor can we procure it at New York price current quotations for lower grades.

Very respectfully

Superintendent

Hon.
H. R. Linderman
Director of the Mint
Washington D.C.

April 27 4

Sir

Your letter has been received and in reply would say. that we cannot examine your ores, but you can have it done by private assayers. Mess. Booth & Garrett. Chant St. Phila. or Prof Genth. University of Penna. West Phila. could do it for you. at a probable charge of about $4 o. for the four specimens. or $1 o. each.

There is no such thing as a mineral indicator. except the nonsense of ignorant impostors.

Dana's Mineralogy Simplified. published by H. C. Baird. 406 Walnut St. Phila. Price two dollars. is a good book. and recent.

Very Respectfully
J. Wolfley
Supt

Mr. Sam. Henry Duff
Fattonsville. Va

2437

April 28 4

Sir

Please draw your Transfer Order for the Sum of Fifty Thousand (50.000) Dollars, to reimburse you, in part for Minor Coins withdrawn from the Minor Coinage Redemption Fund and recoined.

Very Respectfully
Jas. Pollock
Supt

Hon. F. E. Spinner
Treasurer of the U.S.
Washington
D C

April 28 7

Sir.

Your letter of the 1st inst. relating to the number of experimental trade dollars, and the propriety of limiting the number of pattern pieces hereafter to be struck, was duly received.

As to striking more of the experimental trade dollars, I have only to say that the number to date was fixed at so as to let the public be informed and the dies made. Moreover the dies are so limited that creditable pieces cannot be struck, and therefore no more should be made for sale. A request from a Foreign Minister or a very special case might justify a deviation from

this rule, but it is not advisable or desirable. Again. The number of pattern pieces in future should be limited, and therefore I would like the regulation fixing the number of single pieces or sets at 100. These to be for sale generally, leaving the right in special cases to strike others if deemed proper.

Very Respectfully
J. A. French
Superintendent

Hon
E. R. Linderman.
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

April 29th 4

Sir

In compliance with yours of the 27th inst. we herewith return the $1.000= draft sent to us in mistake on the 22 inst.

Please acknowledge receipt of the same

Yours respectfully

C. Powell
Superintendent

O. Ballard Jr Esq
Cash First Nat. Bk
Circleville
Ohio

April 29 -7

Sir

Your altered $5. gold coin that you forwarded by mail to be redeemed via currency, was received during my temporary absence, and found upon examination and weighing to be worth $4.89 in gold. The Mint is a coining institution, not a brokers office, and does not make such exchanges as you request. It does not receive deposits for coinage of less value than $100.00, as you will see by the enclosed circular, nor has it any facilities for remitting by check. But as the piece was made here, my Chief Clerk thought he would try to arrange the matter to accommodation to you in this instance; so he took your letter with the coin in it and the other documents in said

hand to distribute to the Melter and Refiner office in a distant part of the building. To see if he could exchange it as bullion for its value in gold coin, But the piece dropped out on the way and the most diligent search has failed to recover it.

I do not value in currency $.50 & herewith enclosed to you.

Yours Respectfully

Supt

Mr.
J. Shepherd Leitch
Oswego
N.Y.

April 29 4

Sir

I yesterday received from you, by Express, $10-9.80 gold coin, and $10. currency, in return for the original Atlantic cable gold medal forwarded to you on the 23d inst. to be delivered to Mr. Cyrus W. Field.

Very Respectfully
E. S. Peck
Superintendent

Lhor B. Alton, Esq
Supt. U.S. Assay Office
New York.

April 29 74

Sir

Enclosed herewith I forward b/s. of this date. No 870. from the Asst Treasurer U. S. at Philadelphia for $485.00 gold coin, the proceeds of the recoinage of $489.50. tale value, light gold coin, received April 27. 1874. from Geo. B. Stevens. Collector of Customs at Milwaukee, Wis. and deposited to the credit of the Treasurer. U. S. according to the Collectors directions under date of the 22d inst.

Mint Memorandum No. 422 also enclosed.

Very Respectfully

J. A. Bolard

Superintendent

Hon.

Wm A Richardson.

Secretary of the Treasury.

Washington D.C.

April 29 4

Sir

Referring to your letter of the 20th of March. ultimo. I have to report that the coin value of the "Field Medal" forwarded to the Mint by the Treasurer U S by your directions, was $562.71 which sum I have this day deposited with the Asst Treasurer. U.S. at Philadelphia, to the credit of the Treasurer. U. S. according to your instructions, and herewith forward the original l/c No 871. and the Mint Memorandum. No 821.

Very respectfully

Your obt.

Superintendent

Wm A Richardson.
Secretary of the Treasury
Washington. D.C.

April 29 /7

Sir

The $489.00 light gold coin. mentioned in your letter of the 22d inst. reached me by Express on the 27th inst. and I produced upon receiving the sum of $480.00 which I deposited to day with the Asst Treasurer U.S. at Philadelphia. to the credit of the Treasurer U.S. as per your directions, and have mailed the original certificate of deposit to the Secretary of the Treasury, and enclose duplicate to you, the receipt of which please acknowledge.

Mint Memorandum No. 422. also enclosed.

Very Respectfully

Supt

Geo. L. Stevens. Esq
Milwaukee. Wis.

April 29 4

Sir

The coin value of the Field Medal received from you by Express on the 28th of March ultimo, $6-62.71 was this day deposited with the Asst Treasurer, U. S. at Philadelphia to your credit, as a miscellaneous receipt, and the original b/s forwarded to the Secretary of the Treasury.

I enclose the Mint Memorandum No. 921.

Very respectfully
Your Obt
Superintendent

To
L. E. Spinner,
Treasurer, U. S.
Washington
D.C.

April 30 47

Sir

Your letter of the 20th inst, enclosing correspondence between yourself and Prof E. K. Portales, Cambridge, Mass. with regard to the Medals made &c, has been received.

I have examined the letter submitted them to our Engraver and others here, and all coincide with me that the proposal of Prof Portales should not be accepted, to the exclusion of the medal proposed to be made here.

From the letter of our Engraver (a copy of which I enclose) you will see that the dies are in course of preparation, and too much advanced to be abandoned.

In addition to this, although the proposition submitted may not be regarded as an interference with our purpose to do an American honor to Agassiz, yet it hardly deserves so much reference, as to consent to make a mixed up affair, half Swiss half American, chiefly to aid a pecuniary enterprise.

The fact is there will be no clashing at all, if the two medals are completed, and put on sale. The Swiss medal will be 3½ inches diameter, an immense disk, which not many can buy. Ours will be 1½ inches, a popular size, likely to be largely ordered. Still those who collect medals will perhaps want both, and for this reason, as said above, there will be no clashing.

The medals from the dies of Mr Landis can be struck here at a reasonable rate, and every facility afforded the Artist to give his medals a wide circulation. But I earnestly protest against abandoning our medal, and which, I am sure will, in design and execution, be fully approved by you. Having in this institution skill and time to prepare the dies, economy, if no other consideration, demands that the public funds should not be used in purchasing from others that which we can produce as well here.

Our Engravers letter speaks for itself, and sustains what I have said on this subject.

Very respectfully

Your ob. Servt.

Hon. H. R. Linderman.
Director &c

April 30 4

Sir

Your letter of the 28d inst, and "Revised Instructions" in relation to the transaction of business at the Mints and Assay Offices, have been received.

As requested I have given them a careful examination, in connection with Prof Booth, Melter and Refiner, and Mr Du Bois, Assayer.

They are substantially the same with those now in use, varied to meet the exigencies of the Coinage Act of 1873.

These Instructions were approved generally. The exceptions I will note.

Page 1. "Receipt of Bullion" line 7. "and if the bullion be &c", add "appear,

and make it read, "and if the bullion appear to be less valuable &c. otherwise an assay would be necessary to determine the fact, the alteration refers it to the intelligent judgment of the officers. This is the better mode.

Page 4. Sec. 3. The word "reverse" would more fully express the idea intended, that of "vice versa".

Page 8. "Inventory", we are unanimously of the opinion that this is unnecessary. The number of Reports. yearly. Quarterly. monthly. weekly and daily. required by these regulations. are sufficient to keep us all busy. without this addition. Is the number of reports required necessary..? Please examine this matter.

Page 44. variance in gold ingots. lines 14 & 15 from Cal. ingots might

not to pass "when they vary more than from 899.3 to 900.3" This is either a mistake, or a clerical error. The variation was intended to be 3/10 above the minimum, and 3/10 below the maximum fineness; but as proposed more than one half of all the issues would be rejected. The true rule, and what was certainly intended was, when they vary more than from 899.0 to 900 3/10. That is 3/10 below maximum; all within these limits to be received. We are all agreed on this suggestion and correction.

Page 87. "Special Assay Coins." The report to be made not only to Director, but "to the parties under trial." This is just, and in this we all concur. It is marked on the manuscript, and to the parties

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under trial." The minor corrections in pencil will be noted when you examine the Regulations, which I have returned to you to day, by express as requested.

In all Institutions something must be referred to the intelligence and integrity of the officers, and these qualities will accomplish more in preserving order and securing proper results than whole volumes of rules and regulations, without them.

Mr Snowden was absent in New York, and therefore not at the conference. Since his return to day he has examined the Regulations and suggestions, and concurs.

Very Respectfully
Your Obt Servt
J. H. Colhoun
Superintendent

Hon. M. R. Linderman.
Director of the Mint.

April 30 4

Sir

Enclosed herewith I forward the following Reports.

1. Coinage executed at this Mint during the month of April 1874.

2. Minor Coins Redeemed. Re-issued and Exchanged.

Very Respectfully

A. Loudy

Superintendent

Hon.

H. R. Linderman.

Director of the Mint

Washington

D.C.

April 30 4

Sir

At the close of business this day I made the usual monthly count and examination of the monies in the hands of the Cashier of the Mint, with the following result.

Gold	$ 819.444.24
Silver	31.469.01
Ordinary Account	23.601.81
" A/c Minor Coinage	1.841.12
Minor Coinage A/c	75.491.57
" Coins Exchanged	849.50
" " Reissued	5.695.00
" Coinage Redemption Ld.	109.380.23
Total	$1.068.077.95

which corresponds with his books.

I also made examination into the general condition and

operations of the Mint and the Institution was found to be in good working order, and its business conducted in a careful and satisfactory manner.

Very Respectfully

[signature]
Superintendent

Hon.
A. R. Linderman
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

May 14

Sir

Your application for a Copy of the last Mint Report and the Coinage Act of 1873, should be addressed to Dr H. R. Linderman Director of the Mint: Washington D.C. Treasury Department

I have no spare copies.

Very Respectfully

Dr. B Brooks Esq
Baltimore
Md

May 14

Sir

I yesterday mailed to you a letter on the subject of the "Revised Regulations" and stated therein that the Regulations had been sent by Express to you. This however was not then done, owing to the fact that I had submitted the same to Mr Bowser for examination, particularly as to the mode of accounting between the officers &c. As he was not ready to report yesterday, & did not send the Regulations as stated.

I now report certain suggestions made by him and Mr Simpson, to which your attention is invited.

Sir. Page 21. The calculation of the Cash value of 800.7- ozs divisional subsidiary coin to the $1.00, gives a little more than $1.2[illegible] to the oz. Thus $1.24.4168 per oz.

On page 27, 1st section. should read thus, "If all accounts agree in standard weight and value, the Superintendents clerk will make out Quarterly Receipts for the transfer of the various coins and metals contracted in the quarters work. These will be signed by the respective Officers and will form the basis of the Journal Charges."

This section in the "Revised Regulations" was adapted to the old system under a Treasurer independent of the Director or Superintendent, when a transfer order was necessary; now under the new Law

Sec. Quarterly receipts instead of
quarterly transfer orders are all
that can be used. For this
reason we recommend the adoption
of the above section.

We forward by Express
to day the revised Regulations.

Very Respectfully
Chas. Pollock
Superintendent

Hon.
W. L. Linderman
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

May 1 4

Sir

In compliance with your request of April 20th. I herewith forward Statement of the amount of light gold coin received, re-melted, and re-coined, from the date of my last report, March 10th. to the 20th of April ultimo. inclusive, and will report monthly hereafter as directed.

Very Respectfully

J. A. Boyer

Superintendent

Hon

H. R. Linderman.

Director of the Mint

Washington

D.C.

May 1 4

Sir

Your letter of the 27th inst. (enclosing the letter of A. B. Sloan Esq. Attorney for L. P. Daugherty, on the subject of the "Irvine" Patent for the improvement in the manufacture of dies," has been received.

On more than one occasion this subject has been considered here by myself, Engraver and others, and my views in full communicated to the Department always adversely, never favorably.

This Patent is what is familiarly known as the "Draft Press" and pretentiously claims to produce dies for coinage, and other purposes, more rapidly, & economically.

and equal to, if not better than
the work done here. Now I
am prepared to report, after full
and practical examination of this
"Dry Process" or "Irvine Patent" that
how all the purposes of die making
from casings, that it is not only
inferior to the methods here,
but more expensive, less rapid
and therefore useless in our insti-
tution.

In corroboration of these views
I inclose copy of a letter from
our Engraver, to whom I referred
the subject, and who has heretofore
considered it. The statements of
the Engraver are conclusive against
the proposition to purchase the
Patent for the United States.

Not only would the Patent, if
owned by the Government, be
useless and of no benefit whatever

but it is in itself a dangerous invention and one calculated "to aid and assist" in the counterfeiting of the coin of our own and other nations. For this reason it would be proper for the government to interpose and revoke the Patent. Be this as it may, I agree with you that the laws should be vigorously enforced against all persons not connected with the government who may be found engaged in "manufacturing dies from coin, or coin from dies." Both within these acts are offences, ~~against~~ the 61st section of the Coinage Act of 1873. That section declairs that if any person or persons (&c. &c.) "shall cause or procure to be falsely made, forged or counterfeited, or willingly aid or assist

in fraudulently making, forging or counterfeiting any coin &c. any person so offending &c. What more direct, positive or efficient aid and assistance could be given to persons engaged in counterfeiting our coin, than the rapid and easy transfer of dies from coin for that purpose? The spirit and letter of the act make it a crime. The owners, agent or attornies of the patent should be so informed and their conduct subjected to close and severe scrutiny.

Foreign Governments will regard the Patent with no more favor than we regard it, and will reject it as alike useless and dangerous.

I have thus spoken freely and fully, and in conclusion say that the sale of the Patent

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to individuals and its use should in every proper and legal way be discouraged, and, if possible, prevented.

I herewith return the letter of Mr Shoemaker.

Very Respectfully
J. Ross Snowden
Superintendent

Hon.
H. R. Linderman.
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

May 2 4

Sir—

Your letter of the 28th ult. in regard to an ancient Roman coin in your possession, has been received.

In reply would inform you, that it is a Roman coin of the Emperor:- Hadrian. A. D. 117-138. S. C. (Senatus consulto.) Hila. (?Hilaritas) L. O. S. III. Consul the third time.

It is not rare, and worth about 50 cts. to coin collectors.

Very Respfly

Supt

L. Kachler. Esq
Bushnell.
Ill

May 2 4

Sir

Enclosed herewith I forward Report of the coinage at this Mint for the week ending May 2. 1874.

Very respectfully

[signature]

Superintendent

Hon

H. R. Linderman

Director of the Mint

Washington

D.C.

May 2d 41

Sir.

I transmit herewith my a/c.
of Ordinary Expenses for April 1841.

Very Respectfully
Your obdt
Servt
Dun'l Tyler

Hon'l R. M. Lindeman
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

May 4 4

Sir

I have this day received from the Department a draft for $21.24 9/100 for our ordinary expenses for the month of May. This is $341.76 less than my requisition of April 25th, and unsettles our books. I will thank you to advise me to what items this discrepancy should be charged so that our records may correspond to those of the Department.

Very Respectfully

E. Jos. Peltz
Superintendent

Hon.
L. R. Linderman
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

May 4 4

Sir

I have this morning received your letter of the 2d inst. enclosing copy of letter from Mint officers of London and Berlin, in reference to the "Irvine" draft proceed. I am gratified to find our estimate of this objectionable patent so strongly confirmed by these high authorities abroad. It seems to me that it ought not to have any color of authority from the Government in the shape of letters patent for it can subserve no legitimate or useful purpose.

Very respectfully
Your obt. Servt
[illegible]
Superintendent

Hon.
H. R. Linderman
Director of the Mint.

May 7 4

Sir

Your letter of April 28th. has been received this morning.

The Mint converts bullion into coin or bars to order, but does not receive or reduce ores. Your ores could be reduced at the "Smelting and Refining Works" Pine Street St Louis. Mo. and the bullion forwarded thence to the Mint for coinage on the terms of circulars herewith forwarded to you.

Very Respectfully
A. Loudon Snowden
Supt.

Jay. Gay Lewis, M. D.
Fulton
York.

May 4 7

Sir

The package by Express mentioned in your letter of April 20th, has been received. and proves upon examination not to contain either gold or silver, and is of no value.

What disposition shall the Express Agent make of it.

Very Respectfully
L. Jos Pollock
" Supt.

Dr. Wm. M. Miller.
Wichita
Kans.

May 5 41

Sir

The pieces of stone sent by you in a box, are of the most common character, and of no value whatever; merely a soft sandstone with some shining specks of mica.

Yours truly

J. W. Foster

Dept. V.

Wm. Jno. D. Marshall
West Windham Conn.
N. H.

May 5 4

Dear Sir

The mineral specimen sent by you, & rec'd. on the 20th ult. has been examined by the Assayer, and it found to contain only a trace of silver, and no trace of gold. It has no value.
Mint charge $5 received.

Respy yours
J. R. Snowden
Supt

Mr N. B. Hengar
Charleston, E. Tennessee

May 6 4

Sir

Your letter of the 6th inst. in relation to a medal of merit for the Alcorn University of Mississippi, has been received.

Enclosed find two designs, one plain; the other with profile of Gov. Alcorn; the reverse alike in both, and in the usual form. If made here we could by your authority furnish the dies and collars for $50. If made by private artists the plain would cost $60; the profile dies $100. In addition to the inscription on the profile dies the words "Gov. Alcorn" could be placed either at the back of the head,

or

or at the base. If the profile is selected we will want a side face photograph of the Governor, also the true date of the founding of the Institution, and the true corporate name of the University. Please examine designs, make such suggestions, & give such directions for its preparation here or by private artists, cost &c. as you may deem proper.

Very Respectfully

Supt

Supt

Hon.
H. P. Biederman
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

May 7 4

Gentlemen.

Your enquire of the 6th inst has been received.

In reply would say. that it will be in order for you to proceed to shipment the 20.000 lbs of copper alone.

Very Respectfully

[illegible] Supt

Messrs.
Pope. Cole & Co.
Baltimore
Md.

May 8 74

Sir

Your letter of the 4th inst. enclosing a printed copy of the appropriation bill as it passed the House of Representatives, was duly received.

After giving the bill a careful examination, I respectfully submit the following comments.

1. With an appropriation of $260.000. for wages of workmen and adjusters, for the fiscal year ending June 30. 1874. we shall find ourselves, with the most careful and economical management, short of funds on this item to the amount of not less than $10.000. at the very lowest calculation. Warned by that experience

experience, we should have an appropriation for Wages for the coming fiscal year of at least $260.000, and I would suggest that the word "fifty" in line 8 & 12 page 94, be stricken out and sixty five inserted in its place. If this should not be done, we shall either be obliged to cripple, or suspend our operations, or call upon Congress at its next session for a deficiency appropriation, neither of which can be regarded as judicious or desirable.

2. Under the provisions of the Coinage Act of 1873, which were designed to be permanent in their character, the salary of my Cashier was fixed at $2.600. which I regret to see has been reduced to $2.000. That gentleman is one of the most capable and hard working officers in the service of the Government, charged with a much

greater variety of responsible administrative duties than usually fall to the lot of Cashiers. and I most earnestly remonstrate against the unmerited reduction which has been made in his compensation.

3. The salaries of the Book keeper, Deposit Clerk, and Weigh Clerk had been very properly fixed, under the Coinage Act, at $2.200. every dollar of which they fully and fairly earn. Their long ~~duties~~ experience, and the peculiar responsibility of their positions, requiring education, ability, and the highest integrity, entitle them to what is no more than a living compensation. I need only appeal to your personal knowledge of the men, and their duties, to justify myself in appealing most earnestly to the Senate to restore the $200. which the House has taken

from them. It is a small amount for the government but a very material thing for them. and I venture to hope that this simple act of justice will not be denied them.

The same considerations apply to the reduction of $200. in the salaries of the two clerks mentioned in line 809. page 84. which ought to be restored to $2000.

These unexpected and unnecessary reductions, greatly discourage and dishearten the worthy gentlemen who are affected by them. and it strikes me as a great error of policy, in the science of government.

While on this subject I am impelled by a sense of duty and becoming self respect to refer to the inadequate salaries of the "Director of the Mint" (at Washington) and the "Superintendent of the Mint

at Philadelphia. Taking into view the onerous duties and responsibilities of these very important positions, six thousand dollars a year for each of these officers, would be no more than a reasonable and fair compensation. If the times do not permit this increase at present, there should be no hesitation in making an addition of five hundred dollars each, to the present salaries, which are now only $4.000, when they should not be less than $5.000.

Very respectfully
Your Obt
Superintendent

Hon.
H. R. Linderman.
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

May 9 74

Sir

Enclosed herewith I forward Weekly Report of coinage at this Mint for the week ending May 9. 1874.

Very Respectfully

Your Obt Servt

Superintendent

Hon
H. R. Linderman
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

May 9 74

Sir-

I herewith forward Statements of Gold Workings and Silver Workings respectively, in the Assayers Department during the month of April 1874.

Very Respectfully
[signature]
Superintendent

Hon.
H. R. Linderman
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

May 9. 1874.

Sir

From information received I have to inform you, that Prof. Agassiz was born May 28. 1807. and died December 14. 1873. aged 66 years, 6 months and 16 days.

Very Truly

Supt.

Mr. Wm Barber
Engraver.

May 9 7

Sir

Enclosed I forward the following certificates of deposit, from the Asst Treasurer U. S. at Philadelphia, dated May 5:

No. 893 for $10.000. coin. on account of silver profits.

No. 894 for $7.185.70 coin on account of silver coinage charges.

No. 895 for $17.701.55 coin. on account of gold coinage charges.

These certificates should have been forwarded on the day of their date, but had been inadvertantly laid away, as the duplicates.

Very Respectfully
Jas. P. Kimball
Superintendent

Hon.
Wm. A. Richardson,
Secretary of the Treasury

May 12 4

Sir,

The three mineral specimens you sent, are all marbles, of different kinds, and contain no precious metal. One piece is tinged with green, on account of a little carbonate of copper. Another is brown, by having a little iron. And the third (two lumps) is a gray white, common to the inferior sorts of marble or limestone.

Yours respy

Jas D Dana

Esqr.

Mr. Andrew Wilson
Dresbach
Winona Co
Minnesota.

May 12 4

Sir

Finding our supply of nickel and lead exhausted & advertised in several papers on the 6th inst. and subsequent days. for proposals to furnish the Mint

20.000 lbs Copper
3.000 " Nickel
600 " Tin
500 " Zinc

a copy of the advertisement is hereto attached.

I opened the proposals to day. and herewith enclose a schedule of the respective bids. which I submit for your official action.

Mr. Wharton's bid for Nickel

at $310 currency, being the lowest and best. I recommend its acceptance.

Pope. Cole & Co of Baltimore, and Nathan Trotter & Co of Philadelphia, bid the same prices for copper, and being the lowest it should be divided between them. We have never used the Baltimore, but have assayed it on former occasions. Prof. Booth, or M. & R. says it is really better than the last supplies of Lake copper furnished us. Guided by his judgment and wishes in the matter, I would recommend that 5.000 lbs copper be awarded to Pope. Cole & Co, and 15.000 lbs to Nathan Trotter & Co. This will enable us to give the Baltimore copper a fair working test.

The 'Straits Zinc' is preferred for our purposes, and this would give the award to Merchant+Co at 7 7/10 cts per lb.

We always use the best Lehigh Zinc, and Nathan Sotter+Co bid is the lowest for that article.

We need the quantities advertised for.

The original bids are herewith forwarded. Please return them with your decision, at your earliest convenience.

Very Respectfully

Superintendent

Hon
Ph. R. Linderman
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

May 13 4

Sir

There is no reason to doubt that the fragments of a 5 cent piece sent by you, were from a genuine coin, made brittle by annealing. The legal alloy of such coins is, 25 parts nickel, 75 copper.

Yours respectfully

J. R. Snowden

Dir. M. C.

Mr James O. Barnaby
Brooklyn
N. Y.

May 14 7

Sir

After full consultation with the Engraver and other officers of the Mint, and also due consideration of the suggestions of some gentlemen connected with the American Philosophical Society, I enclose to you several designs for the proposed Agassiz medal, and request your examination of the same,

The mottoes furnished by the gentlemen of the Philosophical Society were so tame and general in their expression and character that they were not adopted, except so much of their suggestions as are common to all medals.

The designs now submitted are

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are most of them classical in motto and design and fully honor the wheat sheaf belongs to both coins.

No 1. 2. 3. & 4. on the obverse have the head of Liberty with the name, the more approved and classical form.

No 1 & 2 are alike in the reverse, except the arrangement of the motto around the wreath. The difference is in the position of the word "Indagator"; in no 1 it is at the end of the motto, in no 2 at the top of the medal. I think the arrangement in no 1 is better than in no 2. In nos 1 & 2 the motto on reverse is the same, "In defensa sit virtus Indagator" "A diligent searcher (or investigator) on (or among) the wild

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and under the seas. This clearly expressed the two great fields of his investigations - the alps with their glaciers &c. the seas, or waters, with their abounding inhabitants. The motto is brief, sententious, descriptive and classical. The wreath with the lamp, representing search and science, are significant and appropriate. The day of birth and death well noted; the inverted torches giving effect to these calm statements.

No. 3 has the same obverse and reverse with no 1 and 2, except the motto, which is more full, and equally expressive of the character and work of Prof. Agassiz. This motto is not only classical but is a perfect biographical line.

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"Terra marique auctor indagationi naturae." By land and sea the Leader in the diligent search (or investigation) of nature, – a beautiful and appropriate motto; and filling the circle of the medal more completely than the motto on No 1 and 2, make it more artistic and pleasing to the eye. It is but just to say that Mr Barber and Mr DuBois prefer No 3. But both No 1 or 2, besides the motto is more comprehensive and accurately descriptive of the specialties of Prof Agassiz. They were prepared in accordance with my suggestions. Both are meritorious – appropriate for the purpose intended, and would, I believe, be approved by all numismatic and general taste.

cadets by all who honor the name of Agassiz.

No 3. is, on the whole, the better and more expressive motto, and therefore that medal is recommended for adoption.

I also enclose No 4, as a sample of a medal without the wreath. The motto the same as No 3. the centre, or field, in addition to date of birth and death, which is on all the designs submitted, contains the eulogy or memorial words of honor. "Utriusque lumen foliis et orbis decorum," "The light, the ornament, and dow of both worlds." An expressive inscription, and which might be well and properly used on a larger medal, which, by the way, would be advis-

able

to prepare and issue.

The size of the medal, the designs for which are now submitted, will correspond with our national series, and be about 1½ inches in diameter.

The head of Agassiz is so far completed that we are able to say that it will be an almost perfect likeness, equal to the photograph from which it was copied.

The designs are roughly sketched, but will serve the present purpose.

The medal when completed will be creditable to the Mint.

You will please examine the designs, make such suggestions as you deem proper, and let me hear from you at your earliest convenience. Please return the designs.

Very Respectfully

James Pollock
Superintendent

Hon. H. R. Linderman
Director of the Mint

May 14. 4

Sir.

Your bid of the 11th inst. for 500 lbs pure Nickel at $3.10 per lb currency, has been accepted subject to the conditions of the advertised proposals.

Very Respectfully

J. Peacock
Supt

Joseph H. Harton Esq.
P.O. Box 2786
Philadelphia

May 14 4

Gentlemen.

Your bid for copper at 24.50 cts per lb. currency, has been accepted to the amount of 10000 lbs. deliverable at this Mint, free of expense, subject to the Mint assay, as stated in the advertised proposals.

Your bid for 500 lbs prime Lehigh Zinc at 10½ cts per lb. has also been accepted on the same conditions.

Very Respectfully

Jas Pollock
Supt

Mess.
Nathan Trotter & Co
No 36 North Front St.
Philadelphia

May 14 -7

Gentlemen.

Your bid of the 11th inst. for 600 lbs best Straits Tin at 27 3/10 cts currency per lb. has been accepted, subject to the conditions of the advertised proposals.

Very Respectfully

Jas Pearce

Supt

Messrs

Merchant & Co

707 Market St

Philadelphia

May 14 4

Gentlemen.

Your bid for Copper at 24 5/10 cts per lb currency, has been accepted to the amount of 5000 lbs. deliverable at this Mint at your early convenience, free of expense, subject to the Mint assay, as stated in the advertised proposals. Other parties bid the same price, and the total amount called for has been apportioned amongst the bidders equitably. Terms, Cash on the final acceptance of the metal.

Very respectfully

J. R. Snowden
Supt.

Messrs.
Robt. Cole & Co
No 57 So Gay St
Baltimore.

May 16 4

Sir

I have to day received from the Mint at San Francisco.

one Double Eagle $20.

one Trade Dollar 1.

Special assay coins for the month of April. 1874.

Very Respectfully

J. A. Pollock

Superintendent

Hon.

H. R. Linderman

Director of the Mint

Washington

DC

May 15 74

Sir

Your letter of the 6th inst with its enclosed statement was duly received. advising that you had forwarded to me by mail a box containing Special Act coins reserved at the Carson Mint during the month of April 1874.

The box was received to day in good order, and the seals unbroken. It was immediately opened in the presence of my Chief Clerk and the Assayer, and found to contain one Double Eagle and one Eagle only. The Trade Dollar specified in your statement as part of the contents, was nowhere to be found. The omission has doubtless been accidental, but I hasten to advise you of the fact.

Very respectfully
Your obt Servt
Supt

Frank D. Hetrick Esq.
Supt U.S. Mint Carson.

May 15 74

Sir

I to day received by mail from the Superintendent of the Mint at Carson, a box in good order and the seals unbroken, containing

one Double Eagle and
one Eagle

special assay coins for the month of April 1874. The box was opened in the presence of my Chief Clerk and the Assayer, but a Trade Dollar, which my advices reported as part of the contents of the box, was nowhere to be found. I have notified the Superintendent of the Carson Mint of that fact.

Very Respectfully

Superintendent

Hon. H. R. Linderman.
Director of the Mint.

May 16 4

The Knickerbocker
Ice Company
With Clerks
desires to furnish
their customers ice,
daily, beginning
Monday, May 18. 1874
the Hall for the Mel-
ters & Refiners depart-
ment, and one half
the ice of Caners de-
partment.

By order of the Chief
H C Kirkbride
Chief Clerk

May 16 74

Sir

Your letter of the 10th inst has been received.

The Mint, as a matter of accommodation, will make an analysis of fair samples of your "silver bearing quartz" at a charge of five Dollars, in currency, in advance, for each specimen examined.

Very Respectfully

E. J. [illegible] Supt

Lewis A. Thomas Esq
Washington
D.C.

May 16 74

Sir

Enclosed I forward Report of Coinage executed at this Mint for the week ending May 16. 1874.

Very Respectfully
Jas Pollock
Superintendent

Hon
H. R. Linderman.
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

May 16 4

Sir

The Mint does not keep old coins for sale, and cannot furnish the old coppers called for in your letter of the 10th inst. Your application should be made to coin dealers.

Respectfully Yours

Jas Pollock

Supt

Mr. H. Van Billiard
Greensburg
Pa.

May 16th 74

Sir.

In reply to your letter of yesterday announcing the adjustment of my Bullion and Coinage a/cs to December 31st 73, and stating that you find my Silver Coinage a/c debited and the Bullion Fund credited with $29 61/100 in excess of what it should be, I beg to state that the same was done in pursuance of the instructions of the Hon: Treasurer of the U.S. in his letter to me directed under date of September 16th 1873. a copy of which I herewith enclose—

Under the circumstances I would respectfully ask your reconsideration of the matter, as there appears to be an authority for the charge and credit ourselves by you.

Otherwise please leave the Treasurer of the U.S. instruct me as to what disposition I shall make of the

aforesaid $29.61/100

Very Respectfully

W. Patterson

Superintendent

Hon: R. W. Taylor

First Comptroller U.S. Treasury

Washington

D. C.

May 16th 4

Sir.

Your letter of the 13th inst requesting that in future I should state the amount of Gold and Silver Bullion due the U.S. Bullion Fund, in my weekly and monthly reports to the Treasury of the U.S. has been received.

I beg to say that such a statement cannot accurately be made, as the bullion is in a constant state of transition from one Office to another. But a statement will be rendered of the amount of Gold and Silver due, at all times reasonable in Coin.

The Gold due the Fund is $ 841.118.07
" Silver Do Do 359.977.34
Coin $ 1.201.095.41

In reference to the Bullion Fund I have to say that I have no receipt of a letter from

From the First Comptroller announcing the settlement of my Bullion Accounts to Dec. 31st 1873, in which he overrules the item of $ 87.62 placed to the Credit of the Bullion Fund on ⅞ of profits on Silver Coin. Our understanding of the matter is, that the Gold was to be returned to the Asst Treasurer of New York, and the Silver with its profits to go to the credit of the Bullion Fund. This was done. I have written the Comptroller in relation to the matter with a view to have a proper understanding regarding it.

Very Respectfully
J. A. Bolton
Supt.

Hon. W. A. Richardson
Director of the Mint
Washington
D. C.

May 18 74

Cashier U. S. Mint
Phila.

Sir.

You will please deliver to the Melter & Refiner for melting and Recoinage (from the Minor Coin Redemption Fund) Ten Thousand Dollars ($10.000.00) in One (1) cent Nickel Coin, as per authority of the Director of the Mint in his letter and telegram of 24th April 1873; also letter of 23d Jany. 1874.

W. E. Quay
Asst

Philadelphia May 18th 1874

Dear

As requested in your letter of the 15th inst I herewith send you the model of the head of Apache for your examination & that of Army Med Museum Hospital.

After Examination please return model with such remarks and suggestions as you may think proper

Very Respectfully

Your Obt

Surgn.

Brig Genl J. K. Barnes
Med Purveyor
Washington
D.C.

May 18 4

Dear Sir

There was nothing peculiar in the silver dollar of 1799; nor is it a scarce piece, as over 420,000 were coined.

Yours truly

J. R. Poinsett

Sept.

Mr. Saml. B. Hall
Secy. of Com. Co. Lorraine Branch
Bank of Utica
Utica
New York.

May 18 4

Dear Sir

The lump of metal sent by you, does not appear to be an ore; but simply a mixture of copper and tin (bronze) which may be a modern piece of gun-metal; or it may be ancient, as the Mexicans knew how to make those alloys.

Respy yours

J. [illegible]

Supt U.S.

Wm. G. Dent Esq
Gainsville
Cooke Co
Texas.

Your letter of the 15th inst. enclosing photograph of Gov. Alcorn, and approving design of the Alcorn medal has been received.

From the enclosed letter of Mr C. E. Barber you will see he offers to make the dies, collars &c, all complete, for $150. to be completed in time for the University commencement in June. I recommend the acceptance of his proposition.

She makes a suggestion in relation to the name of Gov. Alcorn being placed at the back or base of the head which is worthy of consideration. The obverse gives the name

name of the University. "Alcorn University of Mississippi." This name indicates and honors the founder, therefore no other name of Alcorn is needed. It would detract from the artistic effect of the medal, without conferring any additional honor upon the Governor. I have therefore suggested to Mr Barber that, with your approval, the name need not be added either at the back or base of the medal.

I enclose two designs, one with the name at the back, the other at the base.

The sketch, or design, submitted to you with the name omitted, and which was approved by you, in your letter of the 10th inst. is the best and therefore should not be superceded by

either of the enclosed.

If you approve the offer of Mr Barber please inform me at once, so that we may be ready for the June Commencement.

The cost of the medal will be $00. per hundred, at which price we can furnish them. Medals of the same size are sold here at one dollar each by retail.

Very Respectfully

Superintendent

Hon.
H. R. Linderman
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

May 19 7

Sir

I will thank you to furnish, at your earliest convenience, an estimate of the cost of coining one million dollars Ecuador money, in pieces of 20. 10. and 5 cents. equally divided as to denominations. including labor. materials. and use of machinery, but not including the preparation and cost of the dies.

Very Respectfully

[illegible]

Supt

A. Louden Snowden, Esq.
Mint.

May 19 4

Sir

I will thank you to furnish me, at your earliest convenience, an estimate of the cost of coining one million dollars Ecuadorian money, in pieces of 20, 10 and 5 cents, equally divided as to denominations, including labor, materials and use of machinery.

Very Respectfully
Your Obt Servt

J. L. Booth, Esq
Melter & Refiner

May 19 7

Sir

Your letter of the 16th inst. requesting an estimate of the cost of coining one million dollars Ecuador money (silver I presume) in pieces of 20. 10. and 5 cents, equally divided as to denomination, including labor, material &c, has been received.

I have the subject under consideration, and have requested the Melter & Refiner and Coiner to give me their estimates &c.

Will the bullion be deposited for coinage in the regular way, or will the U. S. furnish it and charge for same at bullion rates? The first is the better and more practicable.

Will report as early as possible.

Very Respectfully
J. W. Powell
Superintendent

Hon.
H. R. Linderman
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

May 19 4

Sir

Yours of the 16th inst enclosing two designs for an international gold coin of the value of $10. and requesting the preparation of an experimental die &c. has been received.

I have directed our Engraver, Mr Barber, to prepare the dies as requested, and when completed will forward you specimens of the coin.

I prefer the Dunning design, on the whole. We may make slight modifications to to increase the general effect.

Very respectfully

Hon W. E. Linderman
Director of the Mint
Washington D.C.

Superintendent

May 19 4

Sir

Your letter of the 18th inst. enclosing proposition of C. Mendelff to take out all the gold that may be found in our silver dollars, or coinage, has been received.

I have referred, as requested, the matter to our Assayer, and Melter & Refiner for report.

To those who know better, how marvelous the proposition of our chemical friends.

Very Respectfully
J. [illegible]
Superintendent

Hon.
H. R. Linderman
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

May 19 4

Sir

Your letter of the 18th inst. asking whether an additional appropriation of $18,000. for wages was absolutely necessary for our Institution, has been received.

As stated in my former letter, estimating the deficiency for wages in the current fiscal year, that sum is absolutely and imperatively necessary to continue the operations of the Mint to the close of the year. If the appropriation is not made I will be compelled to close the Mint early in June, and discharge nearly all our employees. I do not wish to take the responsibility of running the Mint without any money

money to met the expenses.

As the deficiency has arisen from the great amount of over work done by order of the Secretary of the Treasury, approved by him, and as this overwork produced a larger coinage during its continuance than ever had been produced, in the same time, by this, or any other Mint in the world, I hope the amount we now require will be given promptly, and without delay.

Unless ordered by you will and Secretary of the Treasury to go on, I cannot continue work, and must close in June. All we ask, is our estimate of deficiencies we actually need.

Very respectfully

Hon. R. P. Linderman
Director of the Mint.

Superintendent

May 20 7

Sir

The bullion fund of the Mint is not what it ought to be. as you, from your experience here well know. The gold bullion fund especially should be increased. It is now about $500.000. represented largely by gold coin in our vaults of the denomination of $1.$2.50 $3. $5. pieces. small gold coin as called in contradistinction to $20 or double eagles. The demand is for double eagles, consequently we cannot make quick returns. But must coin the $20. pieces from the bullion deposited. If our fund was larger, we could, in the present condition of business, prepare and

have ready for prompt re-
turn to Depositors. any de-
nomination of coin Desired.
We should have a fund of
at least $2,000,000. gold. Can it
be secured, and transferred here?
If so, it would not only accom-
modate depositors, but promote
the interests of the Government.

This matter is respectfully
submitted for your considera-
tion.

Very Respectfully
E. H. Peck
Superintendent

Hon.
N. R. Linderman.
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

May 21st 1874

Sir.

In consequence of our misinterpretation of the meaning of your instructions contained in your letter of Sept. 15th 1873 covering the disposition and adjustment of the fees and costs in the Courts of St Croix, our accounts stand charged with the sum of $29.00 Fifty, which have been struck out of our balance sheet in favor of the fees of the 11th Quarter 1873. This sum will stand as an excess of fees in our hands, pending further instructions to remit the same to the Asst Treasurer U.S. at New York, who, as I suppose, under the ruling of the 1st Comptroller is the proper Custodian of it. Will you please inform me, in order that the balances due the Department may be adjusted properly on Dec 31st. It seems that your intention is that

the gold should be made up from the cash in the Sub Treas, and as we now understand it, the sum of $29.61 should have been forwarded to us & the $11255.39 to this Office.

Very Respectfully Your

J. D. Pollock

Supt

Hon F. E. Spinner
Treasurer U.S.
Washington
D.C.

May 21. 4

Sir,

Our Bullion Fund being insufficient, and the scarcity of Gold coin, it is doubtful whether the $379,004.00 due your Office in Double Eagles, can be paid in coin of that denomination, prior to the 30th of June, and must still therefore demands for double Eagles from one of the Asst Treasurers.

It is very desirable that your deposits should all be paid by the close of the fiscal year. To enable us to do this, I suggest that you take, day $20,000. in coin of the lesser denominations. The balance we could then arrange to pay in double eagles. We have on hand, in

Eagles $49,000.
Half Eagles $297,000.

Quarter Eagles $289,600.
Dollars $100,000. in $3 and $1's.
From these you will make your
selection, and enable us to close
the accounts at the present time.
Let me hear from you in
reply, at your early convenience.
Very Respectfully
Jas. Pollock
Supt

Thos. O. Paton, Esq
Asst. U. S. Treasury Office
New York

May 21 74

Sir

Enclosed herewith I forward the following Statements for the Month of April, 1874.

1. Deposits and purchases of Gold and Silver Bullion.
2. Gold and Silver of domestic production.
3. Bars manufactured.

Very Respectfully

J. R. Hyatt
Supt

Hon. H. P. Lindermann
Director of the Mint
Washington D.C.

May 21 4

Sir

Your letter of the 21 st inst has been received.

The allowance for deviation from the standard fineness of U.S. coin. is a matter of Statute Law. If you will turn to the 26 th 27 th and 28 th Sections of "the Coinage Act of 1873." approved February 12. 1873. You will obtain all the information to be had on the subject.

Very Respectfully

[illegible]

Superintendent

Edward A. Knight Esq
Examiner U.S. Patent Office
Washington
D.C.

May 22 7

Sir

In reply to your letter of the 18th inst, enclosing a communication from D. Mindeleff in which it is claimed that the U. S. silver coins contain 2½ per cent of gold &c, I have the honor to report:

1. The statement that our silver coin contain 2½ per cent of gold is not only gratuitous, but wholly unwarranted in fact. That there is a very small portion of gold in our silver coins, and the coins of all nations, is freely admitted; but in our coins the amount, (if any is present at all) does not exceed the one fifth, no not the one tenth part, of the

amount named by Mr. Minderhout and to separate this would cost double the value of the gold therein contained. These facts are familiar to our officers here, more especially to our Assayer, Assistant Melter and Refiner.

2. To secure the benefit of the knowledge and experience of our Assayer and Melter and Refiner, I referred the letter of Mr. Minderhout to them, with request to report to me their views on the subject matter of the communication. I now enclose their respective letters to me. They are clear, full and conclusive. Not only do they not sustain the strange statements of Mr. Minderhout, but prove conclusively that the amount of gold said to be in our silver

coins

coins is very greatly exaggerated and that Mr. Minzeloff has but little, if any, knowledge of that of which he makes so positive an affirmation. A contract with him, such as he proposed, and for such a purpose, would be worse than folly. it would be in any possible view of the subject indefensible, and Madness.

The letters of Prof. Du Bois, Assayer, and Prof. Booth, Melter and Refiner, speak for themselves. They are both scientific and practical men, and their long experience entitle their opinions to entire confidence.

2. [illegible] stated by Prof. Du Bois, if the silver coins of the U. S. contain this large amount of gold, why does not Mr. Minzeloff on his

own

own responsibility, embark at once upon the work of separating, and thus reap for himself the rich harvest he so blandly offers to the Government upon the very liberal terms of $800. salary, per annum, and 10 per cent of the amount recovered. There is no law to prevent him, or those he may associate with him, from melting all the silver coin of the country, and extracting the gold therein for his and their benefit. And after the gold is extracted the silver bullion remaining, and free from gold, can be deposited at any of our Mints, be paid for at its full bullion value, or received into trade dollars, or such denominations as he may direct.

I protest against the Government

undertaking the task of remelting all our silver coin, under the direction of Mr. Mindeleff, at $8000. per year for the purpose of recovering the gold purchased hidden there in. It is bad financial policy to pay two dollars to recover one. If not, then let Mr Mindeleff accept and take the responsibility and the profit. There is no loss against it; his skill and experience will be to him the Philosophers stone, turning all it touches into gold; and if his statements and calculations are correct will be more profitable to him than a salary of $8000. per year, and 10 per cent of the recovered treasure.

Very Respectfully

Your Obt Servt
Superintendent

Hon
H. R. Linderman.
Director of the Mint

May 23 7

Sir-

Enclosed please find copy of a letter received this morning from the Secretary of the Treasury, proposing to transfer to the custody of the Mint all the returned minor coins accumulated in the offices of the late Treasurers, and stating that he has already authorized the transfer of $74,000. from Boston. This is a very unwelcome and embarassing proposition. Our vaults are crammed to repletion, and a source of anxiety to me. And it would be impossible for me to unclench these, added stores of copper and nickels, for want of space to put them. and I must ask you to

to appeal to the Secretary not
to order any further transfers,
at least for the present. The
Sub Treasuries have better facil-
ities to keep them than we have.
If I had known it in time I
should have felt compelled to
protest against the transfer from
Boston, for want of room. We
may perhaps be able to get them
into the vault under the portico,
which already contains $7,000,000.

In view also of our approach-
ing Annual settlement, it is very
desirable that any transfers that
may be practicable should be
postponed till after that time,
and such as these can be made
by remitting, and receiving re-
deemed notes and in land,
we can retain new deposites.

Mr L

until that is done, I must ask a little forbearance, & have written to this effect to the Secretary.

Very Respectfully
Jas. Pollock
Superintendent

Hon.
Robt. J. Linderman.
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

May 28 4

Sir

In reply to your letter (R.S.) of the 22d inst. proposing to transfer to the custody of the Mint the redeemed minor coins accumulated in the office of the Asst Treasurers, I have to state that I cannot at present provide for their proper disposition, and I must ask you to postpone any further transfers until we are in a condition to receive them. Our vaults are crammed to repletion, and it will be inconvenient for us to store the $10,000. ordered from Boston.

As fast as space can be made by remelting and recoining the redeemed copper and nickel

coins

Coast on hand, we can receive new supplies, but until this is done, further transfers would embarrass us to great inconvenience and embarrassment: in fact it would be impossible for us to advantageously keep them.

Very Respectfully
L. M. Powell
Superintendent

Hon.
Wm. A. Richardson
Secretary of the Treasury,
Washington
D.C.

May 23 4

Sir

Enclosed I forward Weekly Report of the Coinage at this Mint for the week ending May 23. 1877.

Very Respectfully
Your Obt Servt
A. Loudenslager
Superintendent

Hon
Chas. E. Leiderman.
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

May 25 4

Sir

I will thank you to furnish me, at your earliest convenience, an estimate of the cost of preparing dies to coin Ecuador money, in Pieces of 20. 10. and 5 cts,

Very Respectfully

J. R. Poinsett
Supt

Mr. Wm. Barber
Engraver

May 25 4

Dear Sir

The mineral sent by you has been examined by our Assayer, and is found to contain small quantities of Gold and Silver, viz:

Gold, fifteen dollars per ton of 2000 lbs.
Silver nine dollars do. do.
Together $24.—

The mint charge of $5 is incl'd.

Respy yours

Mr. W. H. Crawford

May 25th 1

Sir.

Your letter of the 23rd calling my attention to Sec. 43rd Coinage Act 1873, requiring a separate charge to be made to the Melter & Refiner of Copper purchased for alloying, is received.

I have to say that all Such mine has been so charged to the Melter & Refiner in the Bullion Accounts, but as you request that the Statement be hereafter forwarded to you, and withdrawn from the Quarterly Accounts, the instruction will be complied with.

Very Respectfully Your
J. A. Kapp
Supt

Hon. J. K. Kinderman
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

May 25 7

Sir

I herewith I hand you for your information and guidance, copy of a letter from the Director of the Mint, dated the 22d inst, giving instructions with regard to the annual settlement.

Very Respectfully

Supt.

Jas. L. Booth, Esq.
Melter & Refiner

May 25 4

Sir

The piece of hammered metal sent by you is a mixture of tin and lead. You must have been deceived, as to this coming out of an ore. It is probably a piece of a pewter spoon.

Respy yours

Hen[illegible]

Mr S.A. Moody

May 25 4

Sir

Enclosed herewith I forward Tabular Statement of gold and silver melted at this Mint during April. 1874. together with letter of Ref Booth. Melter & Refiner. explanatory of the same.

Very Respectfully

Your Obt Servt

Superintendent.

Hon.

H. R. Linderman

Director of the Mint

Washington

D.C.

May 28 4

Sir

Your letter of the 27th inst. together with the printed Instructions and Regulations for the transaction of business at the Mints and Assay offices, has been received, and will be distributed as requested.

Very Respectfully
Your Obt
Superintendent

Hon.
H R Linderman
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

May 28th 4

Sir:

I enclose herewith Assay of 50 Lbs Melter's Refiners Sweeps and 20 Lbs. Superintendents Sweeps for which your bid is respectfully requested.

Payment for the same to be made in Double Eagles of full weight, and the Sweeps to be delivered at the Mint.

Very Respectfully

Jas. Pollock

Supt.

Dr. Jas. Farnum
No 253 So. 16th St.
Phila.

May 28 74

Sir

I have received the resignation of Mint Engraver G. Hitchmith as Adjuster in the Assays department of the Mint, to take effect the 30th of May, inst. and report the same for your information.

Very Respectfully
J. Pollock
Superintendent

Hon.
H. R. Linderman
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

May 28th 4

Sir:

I enclose herewith Assay of 50 Bbls. Mother & Refiners Scraps and 20 Bbls. Safe mentals Scraps for which your bid is respectfully requested.

Payment for the same to be made in Double Eagles of full weight and the scraps to be delivered at the Mint.

Very Respectfully

[signature]
Supt.

Messrs Dodge & Caffey
21 Broad St. Room 61
N.Y.

May 22nd 41

Sir:

I enclose herewith Assay of 30 Bbls. Melter & Refiners Sweeps and 20 Bbls. Superintendents Sweeps for which your bid is respectfully requested.

Payment for the same to be made in Double Eagles of full weight, and the Sweeps to be delivered at the Mint.

Very Respectfully

J. A. Broom
Supt.

Messrs. C. S. Dennis & Sons
No 38 & 40 Walnut St.
Newark
N. J.

May 28th 64

Sir:

I enclose herewith Assay of 50 Bbls Melter & Refiners Sweep and 20 Bbls Superintendents Sweep for which your bid is respectfully requested.

Payment for the same to be made in Double Eagles of full weight, and the sweeps to be delivered at the Mint.

Very Respectfully

J. R. Snowden
Supt.

Messrs R. Longman's Sons.
No. 31 John St.
New York.

May 28. 4

Sir:

I enclose herewith assay of 32 Bbls. Melter & Refiners Sweep and 26 Bbls. Superintendents Sweep for which your bid is respectfully requested.

Payment for the same to be made in Double Eagles of full weight, and the sweeps to be delivered at the mint.

Very Respectfully

Jos. Preston Jr

Mess E. Balbach & Sons.
No. 233 River St.
Newark
N. J.

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May 28th 41

Sir:

I enclose herewith Assay of 32 Bbls. Melter & Refiners Scraps and 20 Bbls Superintendents Scraps for which your bid is respectfully requested. Payment for the same to be made in Double Eagles of full weight, and the scraps to be delivered at the Mint.

Very Respectfully

Jas. R. Snowden
Director

Messrs Spear, Howard & Mates
No. 17 John st.
New York.

May 28 7

Sir

In reply to your letter of the 16th inst. requesting an estimate of the cost of coining one million dollars Ecuador money in pieces of 20. 10. and 5 cents (silver) equally divided as to denomination, I have to report that after submitting the question of cost to the respective operative officers, the result of the information received from them is as follows.

Melter & Refiners Department see Prof. Booths letter of the 2nd inst.	$7,788.00
Coiners Department see Mr. A. E. Saunders letter of the 25th.	24,140.00
Assayers Department letter 26th.	1,000.00
Engravers Department " 25th.	250.00.
Total cost	$29,878,00

This corresponds very nearly to the cost of our silver coinage for same sum, somewhat less than the average, but approximating the correct amount. Perhaps $30.000 or $31.000 would be nearer the actual cost.

In this estimate the cost of the original dies is not included.

In your letter of the 21st inst. you request an estimate of the cost of the "original dies" for the Ecuador coinage. The Engraver estimates this cost at $200. for each denomination or $400. for original dies and hubs, not including the working dies.

Enclosed find copies of letters and estimates from Prof. Bird. Messrs DuBois. Assayer. Snowden. Mint. and Barber. Engraver.

Very respectfully

J. A. Torrey
Asst.

Hon. H. R. Linderman.
Director of the Mint

May 29th 44

Sir.

I transmit herewith the usual weekly Statements requested from this Office.

In connection with the matter of the $29.[illegible] as claimed to be in its proper place in the Pension Fund per your letter of the 22d inst. but objected to by the Comptroller, I have to say that as no final instructions regarding it have been received from the Accounting Officers, I continue to render the accounts as heretofore hoping for a decision as early as possible.

Very Respectfully Your
[illegible] Pollock
Superintendent

Hon. F. E. Spinner
Treasurer U.S.
Washington D.C.

Mint of the U.S.
Philadelphia May 29th 74

Sir.

I forward this day my Returns and Coinage a/c's for the 1st Quarter 1874.

Very Respectfully Your
Obt. Servt.
J. Ross Snowden
Superintendent

Hon. H. R. Linderman
Director of the Mint
Treas. Dept.
Washington
D.C.

May 29 7

Sir

Enclosed herewith I forward statement of Minor Coins redeemed, reissued and exchanged at this Mint during the month of May 1877.

Very Respectfully

Your Obt Servt

Superintendent

To

A. R. Linderman

Director of the Mint

Washington

D.C.

May 29 74

Sir

Enclosed herewith I forward

1. Monthly Report of Coinage executed at this Mint during the month of May 1874.

2. Weekly Report of coinage executed at this Mint for week ending May 30. 1874.

Very Respectfully

Superintendent

Hon.

H. R. Linderman.

Director of the Mint

Washington

DC

May 29 4

Sir

At the close of business this day I made the usual monthly count and examination of the monies in the hands of the Cashier of the Mint, with the following result.

Gold	$760.664.73
Silver	69.845.88
Ordinary Account	12.562.51
" Mfg Minor coinage	2.884.79
Minor coinage Mfg	117.681.45
" Coins Exchanged	1.005.79
" " Re-issued	8.400.00
" coinage Redemption Acct.	118.607.66
Total	$1.091.652.81

which corresponds with the books. I also made examination into the general condition, and

operations of the Mint and the Institution was found to be in good working order, and its business conducted in a careful and satisfactory manner.

Very Respectfully
J. [illegible]
Superintendent

Hon
R. E. Linderman
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

June 14

Sir

If you can furnish us with the bullion on or before the 8th inst, we will return to you $80,000 in trade dollars, before the 20th of June, As we will soon be in the midst of our Annual settlement, we donot wish any more bullion, gold or silver, to be sent until further notice.

Very Respectfully

Jas Pollock
Supt.

Thos. B. Acton Esq
Supt U. S. Assay Office
New York.

June 1 74

Sir

I have to day received by mail from the Mint at Carson, one (1) Trade Dollar, test assay coin for the month of April 1874.

Very Respectfully
L. Garrett
Superintendent

Hon.
A. R. Linderman
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

June 2d 4

Mefs C. S. Dennis & Sons.
Newark
N. J.

Sirs:

I am in receipt of your bid for Mint Sweeps but it being below that of another party it is not accepted.

Thanking you for your prompt response I am yours

Very Respectfully
H C Rickon
acting Supt.

June 2 4

Dear Sir

The mineral sent by you is of no value. The metallic show is the ordinary sulphide of iron.

Respy yours

[illegible]

Sa [illegible]

[illegible] M Kitchen Esq

June 3rd 4

Sir

In compliance with your request of the 2nd inst. we send you this day, per Adams Express C, O, D, three sets of Silver, Nickel & Copper coins; all of which are proofs as we have no ordinary coins on hand; and for which we enclose the Coiner's bill.

Very respectfully

J. Ross Snowden
Superintendent

Hon. H. R. Linderman
Director of the Mint
Washington
D. C

June 3d 44

Sir

I have received a remittance of Mexican Coin from the Asst. Treas. U. S. at Baltimore Duplicates of the value of Fourteen Thousand (14000) Dollars.

As it is desirable to avoid any complications between this Shipment and our own accounts, (as we cannot redeem them in the usual manner,) I would respectfully suggest that you authorize me to receive them as an Exchange, the nett proceeds alone to be returned to your credit in the accounts of the Asst. Treas. U. S. in this city in new 5% Coin, and on the presentation of your Transfer Check. This process will relieve us from embarrassment, both in regard to accounting for them as we do so as to soon, and meet at the same

Some time, I think, keep your ac-
count Straight -

Very Respectfully Yours
Jas Powell
Supt

To Hon. F. E. Spinner
Treas. U. S.
Washington
D.C

June 3 4

Sir

Yours of the 27th ult. enclosing five nickel cents, has been received.

They are worth just one cent each, and contain no gold or silver. Two cent cents upon postage were due on the package, and the postage on this reply is two cents additional, total six cts. U. will therefore bring you out one cent in debt to the government. Upon receipt of the amount of postage (6 cts) we will return the cents to you as desired.

E. M. Kastens.
Chicago

Yours respectfully
Supt

June 3rd 41.

Sir.

Shall draw your Treasury Order for Ten Thousand (10.000) Dollars to reimburse you in part for Minor Coins withdrawn from the Redemption Fund, and remain -

Very Respectfully Your

Obt Svt

Hon F. E. Spinner
Treasurer U.S.
Washington

June 4 4

Sir

Your letter of the 2d inst, enquiring whether a set of the specimen Trade dollars could be obtained at the Mint, has been received.

A certain number was struck by order of the Director of the Mint, with my approval, and sold to collectors. Under the regulation the dies have been destroyed, so that it is now impossible to furnish the set you desire. This I regret as it would have given me pleasure to comply with your request.

Very respectfully,

Superintendent

Hon. L. E. Spinner.
Treasurer U.S.
Washington.

June 4 4

Sir

Yours of the 3d inst has been received.

We have no spare copies of the Ship Report of 1872-3 but should apply to Dr. C. R. Lindeman, Director of the Mint, Washington D.C. who probably can supply your want.

Very Respty
J. A. Pollock
Supt

Wm. F. Poole Esq.
New York

June 7 7

Sir—

Circumstances compel me to enquire about the prospect of the final passage of the deficiency appropriation bill for the current fiscal year. It is becoming a matter of serious importance to us, for our present appropriation for wages will not last more than four or five days longer. If we do not get relief by that time we shall be obliged to suspend operations for want of money to pay the workmen and adjutter.

Please notify me at the earliest moment of the final passage of the bill.

Very respectfully
Your Obt Servt

Hon. H. L. Linderman.
Director of the Mint.

June 4th 4

Messrs E. Balbach & Sons.
No. 233 River St.
Newark.
N.J.

Sirs:

I have to request that if you design bidding for the Sweeps offered on the 2nd inst. that you do so before Saturday the 6th inst. as we close all bids on that day at 12. M.

Very Respectfully
E. W. Bruce
Supt.

June 4th 64

Messrs Dodge & Coffey
No 1 Broad St.
Room No. 61
N. Y.

Sirs:

I have to request that if you design bidding for the Sweeps offered on the 26 ult., that you will do so before Saturday the 6th inst, as we will close all bids on that day at 12. M.

Very Respectfully
[illegible]
Asst

June 4th 64

Messrs Spear, Howard & Wales
No 17 John St.
New York.

Sirs:

I have to request that if you design bidding for the Sweeps offered on the 26th inst. that you will do so before Saturday the 6th inst, as we will close all bids on that day at 12, m.

Very Respectfully
J. H. Reed
Supt.

June 4 /7

Sir

Your letter of the 1st inst. Enclosing draft of that date on New York for $10. for that amount in one cent coins for Colorado, has been received.

Under the laws of the land we cannot furnish less than $20. in minor coins in one lot. unless the party ordering will pay the Express charges.

I will retain your check until I can hear from you further.

Very Respectfully
Jas. Pollock
Supt

Edw. P. Curtis. Esq
St Louis
Mo

June 4 4

Sir

Our Engraver informs me that he will have the dies for the Acorn medal ready on Monday next the 8th inst.

Plead inform me at your earliest convenience how many medals we shall strike.

Very Respectfully

A. E. Roberts

Superintendent

Col. Jon.
H. R. Linderman
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

June 5 4.

Sir

In pursuance of a circular request from the Director of the Mint, under date of the 4th inst, you will please furnish as soon as may be convenient a statement showing the amount of gold and silver operated upon by, and the wastage, respectively, of, the Melter & Refiner, in each fiscal year, from and including that ending on the 30th of June 1800, to the 30th of June 1873.

The statement will also include any surplus of bullion returned by the Melter & Refiner in settlement.

Very Respectfully
Your Obt Servt
Asst Treas

Prof. Jas. C. Booth
Melter & Refiner.

June 5 /4

Sir

In pursuance of a circular request from the Director of the Mint, under date of the 4th inst, you will please furnish as soon as may be convenient, a statement showing the amount of Gold and Silver Operated upon by, and the wastage, respectively, of, the Chief Coiner in each fiscal year, from and including that ending on the 30th of June 1860. to the 30th of June 1873. The Statement will include any surplus of bullion returned by the Chief Coiner, in settlement.

Very Respectfully
Your Obt Servt
Geo. Eckert
Supt

A. London Snowden, Esq
Coiner

June 5 4

Sir

Your letter of May 25th was received to day.

Pure silver being worth about 130 cents an ounce, it is easy to calculate for any lower grades. As for any silver ores in West Virginia, we have made trials enough from there, to know that it is not the place to find them.

Very Respectfully

Supt

Mr. David T. Hackney,
Sissonville
Kanawha Co
West Va.

June 5th 64

Sir:

In relation to the $1.200.000 Gold Bars recvd for our Bullion Fund I would respectfully request that you give me authority to assay it independently of regular deposits, and place it at once in our vaults as Bullion for Coinage, to be used from time to time as necessity demands. This will facilitate matters with us, and relieve us from much annoyance in accounting for the Bullion.

Very Respectfully Your
Obt. Servt
Wm. Elliott
Supt

Hon H.R. Linderman
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

June 6 4

Sir

The one enclosed in your letter of the 5th inst, upon examination, proved to be sand stone tinged with iron, with some mica, and of no value.

Very Respectfully
Your Obt
Supt

Mr. Jacob Kistler
Sugar Valley
Clinton Co
Pa

June 6 4

Sir

Your letter of the 4th inst has been received to day.

The Mint will make gold and silver coins for you, if you will forward bullion out of which to make them; but does not stock them for sale. You can buy them, however of Banks and Brokers in the large cities, but at what premium I cannot inform you, as it varies from day to day.

Very Respectfully
Your Obt Servt
L. Eckert

Mr. Thos. W. King
Raleigh, N. C.

June 6 74

Sir

Enclosed I forward
Weekly Report of the coinage
at this Mint for the week
ending June 6. 1874

Very Respectfully
[illegible]
Superintendent

Hon
H. R. Linderman
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

June 8 -4

Sir

It is proper to state in reply to your letter of the 6th inst, that action on the recent Regulations, our bullion had already sent to the N.Y. Assay Office the required test specimens of our June coinage.

Very Respectfully
Your Obt Servt
A.G. Hickox
Acting Supt

Hon
W. E. Linderman
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

June 8 4

Sir

Enclosed herewith I forward the following coin certificates of deposit of this date, from the Asst Treasurer U.S. at Philadelphia, in favor of the Superintendent of this Mint.

1. No. 1010 for $424.70 on account of gold coinage charges.

2. No. 1011 for $347.75 on account of silver coinage charges.

3. No 1012 for $6,322.44 on account of silver coinage charges.

Very Respectfully

H. E. Hinton

Acting Supt.

Hon.
B. H. Bristow,
Secretary of the Treasury
Washington
D.C

June 9 74

Sir

Enclosed herewith I forward copy of a report submitted this morning by our Assayer, of the assay of test coins from the Mints at Philadelphia, San Francisco, and Carson, for the months of March, April and May 1874.

Very Respectfully
Your Obt Svt
Acting Dep Supt

Hon
H. R. Linderman
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

June 9 7

Sir

In reply to your request for Mint Report for 1872-3. I would state that we have no spare copies, and that you should make your application to the Director of the Mint Washington D.C.

Very Resp'tly

Acting Supt.

Sam Lock 11

Sir

I wish to hear at my Stanley
residence this balance $95.371.95 as
expected due you for Coal received
to March 7th 1874 is correct, has been
received.

The Amount due you on 1st Nov.
30th 1873 was $130.911.95

Coals milled Dec. 6 1873 $ 16.00
Do Do. Jan 29. 1874 " 16.00
Do Do. Feb. 9. 1874 " 7.160 " 39.160

Total due you March 7. 1874 $ 170.371.95

Sum of Order No. 1962 $ 5.000
Do. " 1980 " 1.000 " 6.000.00

Balance due as Stated $ 95.371.95

You have been probably informed
of the transfer and settlement from time
of the Sum of $ 7000 " to Feb 9th
1874

Jan 1 1

1858 Sirs Please charge me with
$10.000 - Allowed Agent Mr. first named
July, the difference being the amount of
vouchers in search of, viz $125491
Hoping this explanation will prove
satisfactory I remain
Yours, Sir,
Very Respectfully
H C Hickox
Acting Supt

8.

Hon. S. D. Sprinner
Secretary of
Washington
D. C.

Y.H.

June 10 4

Sir.

The balance due the Treasurer U.S. on his Meeting &c. to day is $30.371.25 the Original Debt Viz $132.911.25 having been liquidated previous to May 1st 1841. This Sum which we now owe him, that is $30.371.25 is the balance of Coins on hand which were withdrawn for the purpose of recoinage, I think he will find that he is mistaken in claiming the Sum of $32.911.25 as our account all agree and we can find no error.

We could square up with him in full to day, but for the reason that we cannot Convert the Coins at Par as would be desirable. But I think we shall be able to get him paid before the close of the month

Let every Case be examined by the Solicitor
Some new Cases in Settlement.

Sir

I have the Respectfully Yours
H. Hickok
Atty Supt

Hon W. L. Lowrie
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

L.R.L

Void
letter not mailed but destroyed
Error

June 10th 4

Sir Please draw your Transfer
Order for the Sum of Ten Thousand
(10000) Dollars U.S. Notes, to reimburse
you for Coin withdrawn from the
Redemption Fund and reissued.

Very Respectfully Your
H & Hickcox
Acting Supt.

Error

Hon F.E. Spinner
Treasurer U.S.
Washington
D.C.

June 9th 4

Sir:

Your bid for 70 Barrels Sweeps (Nos 71 to 120 from the Melters & Refiners, and 62 to 81 from the Superintendent) weighing lbs 29,941 at a deduction of .05 per lb from the Mint Assay, the same being $3260.32 is accepted.

You are respectfully requested to call at once and settle for the same in full by the payment of $1773.27 in gold coin, and remove the sweeps without delay.

Very Respectfully
A. G. Hickok
Acting

Dr. Jas. H. Hamm
Lg 253 L. 15 ck.
Phila

June 11th 44

Messrs R. Longman's Sons.
No. 31 John St.
New York.

Sirs:

Your bid of 3d inst for Mint Buttons being below that of another party it is not accepted.

Thanking you for your prompt response I am

Yours Respectfully
H C Hickok
Acting Supt.

June 11 41

Messrs Spear, Howard & Yates
New York

Sirs:

Your bid for Mint Sweeps being below that of another party it is not accepted.

Thanking you for your prompt response I am

Yours Respectfully

H C Hickox
Actg

June 11th 4

Messrs E. Balbach & Son
Newark.
N.J.

Sirs:

Your bid of 3d inst for Mint Sweeps being below that of another party it is not accepted.

Thanking You for your prompt response I am

Yours Respectfully
H C Kittredge
Actg Supt.

June 11 4

Sir

In reply to your letter of the 8th inst, I have to say, that the first three cent silver coin was struck in 1851. the first two cent bronze piece in 1864. the first three cent nickel in 1865. and the first five cent nickel coin in 1866.

The silver five and three cent pieces, and the bronze two cent coin are no longer coined.

We cannot supply you with duplicates of the coinage of any year but the present. (As per terms of Medal circular enclosed)

Very Respectfully
Your Obt Svt
Acting Supt

Mr. Henry S. Jewell.
Tolain
Del.

June 11 4

Mr W. H. Crawford

Dear Sir,

The mineral sent by you has no appearance of a silver ore, but if you wish it tried, it is necessary to send five dollars to pay for fluxing & assaying.

Respy yours
H. C. Nichols
Actg Supt

June 11 4

Dr Albert Churchill

Dear Sir

So far as we have examined here the Missouri lead is remarkably free from silver.

We make the examinations for five dollars currency prepaid, for each trial; but as it is not our regular work, we are often obliged to defer it for a good while.

Respy yours
H C Hitchcock
Actg Supt

June 11 4

Mr David Woodruff

Dear Sir,

We do not examine any ores here except for gold or silver; the Charge is five dollars for each trial.

Many Specimens have been sent here from your State (West Virginia) although it is well known, or should be, that there is no prospect of finding any precious metals there.

Respy yours
H & W Nichols
Assaying Chemists

June 12 4

Sir

I have to day received by mail from the Superintendent of the Mint at San Francisco, one (1) trade dollar test coin for the month of May 1874.

Very Respectfully
J. A. Potter
Superintendent

Hon
H. R. Linderman
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

June 12 7

Sir

Yours of the 11th inst. has been received. The first regular coinage of the nickel cent was in 1857, although specimens were struck in 1856.

Very respectfully
A. Mint. Chief
Engr.

Mr. E. B. Elvers,
Somerville
Pa

June 12 4

Sir

Under the terms of the 4th Section of the Coinage Act of 1873. I have appointed Miss Annie. E. Noble, an Adjuster in the Coiners department at $1.75 per diem, vice Miss C. A. Linderman resigned, to take effect on the 20th inst.

The Coiners letter of nomination is herewith forwarded.

Very Respectfully

[illegible]
Superintendent

Hon.
H. R. Linderman,
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

June 12 4

Gentlemen.

Your letter of the 10th inst, has been received.

We have no rates for bullion. It is always melted down and its exact value ascertained after melting. See circular herewith mailed you.

The average of Mexican dollars is, say, 104 cents, payable in half dollars. There is only a trifling variation between new and old Mexican dollars, if not worn. Payable in trade dollars they are worth about 98½ cents.

We do not receive deposits of less than $100. in value.

Very respectfully
[illegible]
Supt

Messrs. Harrison Brothers.
Baltimore
Md.

June 12 4

Sir

Your memorandums of the special assays of our test coins for June 1874. were received this morning.

After the close of the current fiscal year, it would be better to make returns for these test coins quarterly, as you suggest.

Very Respectfully

E. [illegible]
Supt

Thos. b. Acton. Esq
Supt. U.S. Assay Office.
New York.

June 12th 4

Sir:

Enclosed herewith I forward my requisition of this date for $ 9370.22 the balance of our appropriation for contingent expenses for the current fiscal year. It being near the close of the year we should have the funds to pay bills promptly.

I will forward a requisition for wages of workmen, as soon as I am notified of the passage of the deficiency bill.

Very Respectfully

Superintendent

Hon. N. R. Linderman
Director of the Mint
Washington D.C.

June 12 4

Sir,

I have to day received from the Supt of the Mint at Carson, by mail, a sealed box containing:

1 Double Eagle,
1 Eagle
1 Half Eagle
1 Quarter Dollar

test assay coins for the month of May, 1874.

Very Respectfully

[illegible]
Supt

Hon. H. R. Linderman
Director of the Mint
Washington D. C.

P. S. I have also received, in a separate envelope, the missing Double Eagle for April, 1874

June 13. 4

Sir,

In compliance with your request of the 12th inst. I forward herewith a copy of the letter of the Director of the Mint dated January 31st 1874, in response to the coinage charge on $ 3,181.25 foreign gold received from the Treas. U.S.

Very Respectfully

Chief Clerk

Asst

Hon D.W. Wickham

First Auditor Treasury

Washington D.C.

June 13. 74

Sir,

Enclosed herewith I forward Statements of Gold and Silver Bullion in the Mint's department during the months of May, 1874.

Very Respectfully

Supt

Hon. A. R. Linderman

Director of the Mint

Washington D.C.

June 13 74

Sir

I herewith forward Statement of Coinage executed at this Mint during the week ending June 13, 1874

Very Respectfully

J. W. Ellory

Supt

Hon. H. R. Linderman

Director of the Mint

Washington D.C.

June 13th 64

Sir.

Please draw your Trans. for Order for Eighty Four Hundred ($8400) Dollars for balance due you this day for Ft. Wayne Coins withdrawn from the Redemption Fund and cancelled.

Very Respectfully

[signature]

Superintendent

Hon. S. P. Chase
Secretary of the Treasury
Washington
D.C.

June 18, 74

Sir,

I have duly received by mail, 1 Double Eagle
1 Eagle.
1 Half Eagle
1 Quarter Eagle

Last coin, from Dies sent, for the month of May, 1874.

I have also received the missing Quarter Dollar for April, 1874.

Very Respectfully
J. Ross Snowden
Supt

Frank H. Stewart, Esq
Supt U.S. Mint
Carson, Nev

June 15th 44

Sir.

I transmit herewith my a/c. of Ordinary Expenditures for May 1844.

I am Respectfully
Your Obt
Sup't

Hon W. L. Lindenmuth
Comptr of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

June 16th 4

The Cashier

Will please deliver to the Melter & Refiner for Melting and Recoinage, (From the Base Coin Redemption Fund) Twenty Five Hundred and Forty (2540.) Dollars in One cent Nickel Coin as per authority of the Director of the Mint in his letter and telegram of 24th April 1873, also letter of 23d Jany. 1874

Jas. Pollock
Supt.

June 16 4

Sir

The specimens enclosed in your letter are merely carbonate of lime, and of no value, except as lime.

Yours Respectfully

A. Rozet
Supt

Mr.
Andrew Wilson
Houston P.O.
Minn.

June 16th 74

Sir

At the request of the Treasurer of the U.S. I have been in the practice of submitting to him a weekly statement of the Bullion Fund, Metal Fund, Minor Coin Redemption Fund, and the &c. of the Recoinage of light gold Coins received at their fair value, and the net Mint value of the same including therein a few Silver Coins. This last named &c. is rendered solely as a matter of accommodation to the Treasurer, that he may understand how much Coin has been received at the Mint from his different Sub Treasuries, and how much has been returned thereto, together with the loss by the recoinage. Since July 18th 1872 we have recoined Gold $32.694.486.21
and the loss thereon is 135.058.72
Leaving the net recoinage $32.559.427.49

which has all been paid, and the Mint
Jersey discharged. The loss of $35.05 ½,
while not appearing on the books of the
Mint as a liability, is entitled to by me
the loss ——— in the coinage, and
I write for the purpose of having the
same eliminated from the Department
Books of it thus stands charged to
my debit. I presume that there is an ap-
propriation to cover this loss, and I would
thank you to have the Treasurer U S
inform me when the money shall have been
applied, in order that I may make a
clearing entry in my monthly transcript
to that Office, and close the matter up.

Very Respectfully Your
Obt Servt
J. Pollock

Hon.
H. R. Linderman
Director of the Mint
Washington

June 11 4

Mr W. H. Crawford

Dear Sir

Our report on the ore you sent seems to have been directed to the wrong place, and I therefore repeat, that it contained a little gold & silver; gold fifteen dolls.; silver nine dolls.; per ton of 2000 lbs. $24.—

"Assaying lead & silver per 100 lbs." is a thing we do not undertake. Silver must come to us as free from lead as possible.

Respy yours

Jas. T. Lusk
Asst. A.C.

Dayton P. O.
Sebastian Co.
Arkansas

June 16 4

Sir

Your letter of the 13th inst. enclosing an old Roman coin and requesting a description, has been received.

The coin is defaced and much worn, but by comparison with a perfect one in our Cabinet we are able to comply with your request.

Nero. A.D. 67.– Cr.

Obverse. Head of Nero.– NERO. CLAVD CAESAR. AVG. GERMANICVS.

Reverse. DECVRSIO. (a tilt or tournament) Two horsemen, one bearing a spear transversely – the other the labarum. S.C. (Senatus consultus).

Very Respectfully
Your Obt. Servt
Lyst

Rev. Wm Earnshaw.
Dayton
Ohio

June 17 4

Sir

In compliance with your circular request of the 4th inst, and your supplementary letter of the 6th inst, I herewith transmit Statements of the Melter and Refiner, and Coiner respectively, of the amount of Gold and Silver worked from 1864, to 1873, inclusive; with the Wastage, thereon.

Very Respectfully
Your Obt
Superintendent

Hon
Wm R Linderman
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C

June 17th 41

Sir

Please draw your Transfer Order for Fourteen Thousand (14000) Dollars, to reimburse you in part for Silver Coins withdrawn from the Redemption Fund and recoined.

Very Respectfully

[signature]
Superintendent

Hon. T. E. Spinner
Treasurer U. S.
Washington
D. C.

June 20 4

Dear Sir

Your letter was duly received. The Gold coins of the U.S. are as follows.

Double Eagle	value	$20.
Eagle	"	10.
Half Eagle	"	5.
Three Dollar piece	"	3.
Quarter Eagle	"	2.50
Dollar	"	1.
Total		$41.50

Silver coins

Trade Dollar	value	$1.10 (in silver)
Half Dollar	"	.50
Quarter Dollar	"	.25
Dime	"	.10
Total		$1.95 (silver)

over

Minor Coins

Five cent nickel	.05
Three " "	.03
cent bronze	.01
	.09 cts

We issue a limited number of proof sets of these coins, struck on a hand press from polished dies, for cabinets and coin collectors. They are much better adapted to your purpose. The price of these is

Gold $4.3. in gold coin.

Silver and Nickel $3. in silver coin.

as you will see by the circular I herewith send you.

Very Respectfully

Supt

Samuel S. Perkins. Esq
Pres. Comm. Pub Buildings
Philadelphia

June 30th 41

Sir

As it is desirable that the amount due the Treasurer of the U. S. on a/c. of Mint Coins recoined should be paid to him before the expiration of the present Fiscal year, and as it is improbable that such payment can be made in U. S. Notes, as heretofore, previous to that time in consequence of the demand being unequal to the balance due; and further, as the usual mode of obtaining such a transfer would occupy some 3 or 4 days, I write to suggest that the Treasurer should, if possible, at once draw a Transfer Order for the Sum of $18.911.25 payable in 5ct Coins, and authorize me to distribute them in convenient Sums between 3 or 4 of his officers, as he may designate.

This

This, if it can be done without unsettling his a/c's, will be a simple and easy mode of closing up the "Melting A/c", and I would respectfully request that you will confer, (if proper) with the Treasurer U.S. and have him adopt this plan as early as possible and that I may be informed of his action.

Very respectfully Your's
A. Pollock
Superintendent

Hon. H. R. Linderman
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

June 20 4

Sir

I have received by Express your letter of the 16th inst. enclosing one eagle and one half eagle, light gold coin, which you desire to be recoined, and the proceeds deposited with the Asst Treasurer U.S. to the credit of the persons named in your letter.

In reply I have to say, that the Mint does not receive deposits for coinage of less value than $100, nor can I make deposits with the Treasurer or Asst Treasurers U.S. to the credit of private individuals as you suggest.

The value, by weight, of the coins you sent, is as follows.

Eagle $9.94
Half Eagle 4.91

a loss much less than the Express charges you have paid. As an individual I might arrange to send you the above amounts, by Express, at your expense, but the better plan would be to return the pieces themselves. I await your reply

Very Respectfully
J. Lee Loomis
Supt

John H. Brooks. Esq
Depty Collector.
Lamoille
Vt

June 29 74

Sir

Enclosed I forward Report of the coinage executed at this Mint for the week ending June 29. 1874.

Very Respectfully
Jas Pollock
Superintendent

Hon.
H. R Linderman
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

June 20 4

Sir

I have duly received your letter of the 19th inst. with its enclosures in reference to the Miller process, and herewith forward a copy of Prof Booths explanation in reply

The copy of Mr Renwicks letter is herewith returned as requested.

Very Respectfully
J. Ross Snowden
Superintendent

Hon.
Col. R. Linderman
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

June 22 4

Sir

I have duly received by Express the fine gold and silver specified in your letter of the 18th inst, in return for the Ash coins forwarded to you from the Mint for the month of June inst. for assay

Hereafter in making quarterly settlements for our Ash coins, I have to request that you will return the amount in coin, piece for piece, of the same denominations that are sent.

Very Respectfully
Your Obt Servt
Supt

Thos L. Ketons. Esq
Supt U.S. Assay Office
New York

June 22 4

Sir

Referring to your letter of the 21st inst. & notice in the Deficiency Bill an item of $1.100 for "Wastage in refining silver" shall I include that sum in my requisition, or will it be disbursed by the Department? Advise me by return mail.

Very Respectfully

Superintendent

Hon.
H. R. Linderman
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

June 22 4

Sir

I duly received by Express the $10.00 light gold coin specified in your letter of the 3d inst. and have to day deposited the nett proceeds $104.[illegible] with the Asst Treasurer U.S. at Philadelphia in your name. To the credit of the Treasurer U.S. on account of duties on imports, according to your directions, and herewith enclose the certificate of deposit No 62 together with two Mint memorandums, one for yourself, and one for the Treasury Department.

The double eagle you sent was not a filled piece, its defective appearance was evidently an accidental flaw in coining.

I will thank you to send me a special acknowledgment of the receipt of this letter and its enclosures, as my official voucher, my name not appearing in the b/s.

Very Respectfully
Jas. Bruce
Lt.

James Atkins. Esq.
Collector of Customs
Savannah
Ga.

June 24 4

Sir

Your letter of the 20th inst advising me that I need not draw for the appropriation of $1,103. in the Deficiency Bill for wastage in refining silver, was received this morning.

Enclosed herewith I forward my requisition for $20.000. on account of appropriations in the Deficiency Bill for Wages of Workmen and Contingencies, and have earnestly to request that a draft for the amount be forwarded to me at the very earliest possible moment, our per diem employes are suffering severely for want of money.

Very Respectfully

Hon. H. R. Linderman.
Director of the Mint.

June 24 4

Sir:

Enclosed herewith I forward the following statements for the month of May 1874.

1. Deposits and Purchases of Gold and Silver Bullion.
2. Gold and Silver deposits of domestic production.
3. Bars manufactured.

Very Respectfully

Your Obdt

Superintendent

To

H. R. Linderman
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

June 24 4

Sir

Your letter of the 20th inst was received to day.

The function of the Mint is to convert gold and silver into coin when deposited. We have no connection with mining operations, nor can I give you any definite instructions on the subject

A letter addressed to Prof R. W. Raymond. U. S. Commissioner of Mining Statistics, New York city. would possibly lead to the desired information.

Very Respectfully

E. Ross Rowell
Supt

R. W. Rogall. Esq
Goshen Bridge
Va

June 24 4

Sir

Your letter of the 19th inst was received this morning.

It would be impossible to give you any directions for "fluxing rocks" that would be of any practical use to inexperienced persons, even if we knew what rocks you had, and the metals you were searching for. It could only be done successfully by a person educated to such scientific operations, and not then, unless he had the necessary materials and apparatus.

I cannot forbear adding

that if, before commencing your shaft, you had consulted an intelligent geologist, you would have known more than you know now of the nature of the rocks you are working in, and would have saved the expense of the shaft.

Very respectfully

J. D. Powell

Supt

Mr. David Woodruff.
Angerona
Jackson Co
West Va

June 24 4

Sir

In accordance with the provisions of the 4th Section of the Coinage Act of 1873, I have made the following appointments to take effect July 1. 1874.

Nathaniel. P. Boyd. to be Assistant Melter and Refiner.

Oliver. L. Bosbyshell. to be Assistant to the Coiner

I enclose the respective letters of the Melter and Refiner, and the Coiner submitting their nominations.

Very Respectfully

Superintendent

Hon.
H. R Linderman.
Director of the Mint.
Washington. D.C.

June 25 74

Sir

I have this day deposited with the Asst Treasurer U. S. at Philadelphia to your official credit on Transfer account $85.24 coin, the proceeds of the recoinage of $42.07 forwarded by Express June 1. 1874. as per your letter of that date, and herewith forward the Asst Treasurers receipt No 7055, the receipt of which I will thank you to acknowledge. I having no other specific voucher for the deposit, to retain for my own protection.

I also enclose the Mint Memorandum No 542.

The delay has been caused by our annual settlement.

Very Respectfully
Jas. Ellis
Superintendent

Hon
L. E. Spinner
Treasurer U.S.
Washington
D.C.

June 26 74

Sir

Your letter of the 24th inst has been received.

There is no difference in the intrinsic value, only in the mode of manufacture. The regular trade dollar is made from the ordinary planchet and dies, and struck on the coining presses. The proof trade dollar is made from polished planchets, with polished dies and struck on a screw press by hand, and has a very brilliant appearance.

Very Respty
Your Obt
Supt

Mr Jno L Merrill.
Lockburg
Pa

June 27 74

Sir

Enclosed herewith I forward Weeks Report of Coinage executed at this Mint for the week ending June 27. 1874.

Very Respectfully

Supt

Hon
H. R Linderman
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

June 29th 4

Sir:

Your remittance of the 23d inst by Express, of $215 light gold Coin for recoinage, was duly received, and the nett proceeds $212.70 deposited with the Asst Treas.r at Philadelphia in your name to the credit of the Treasurer of the U. S. for duties on imports, acording to your directions. I enclose C/C No. 1309 in triplicate. Also two Mint Memorandums No 613, one of which you will forward to the Secretary of the Treasury. The deposit for coinage was made in the name of the Adams Express Agent, located in the Mint building.

I will thank you for a special acknowledgment of the receipt of this letter and the C/C, as my official Voucher.

Very Respectfully

[signature]
Superintendent

J. M. Davy Esq
Collector of Customs
Rochester N.Y.

June 29th 4

Sir:

Enclosed herewith I forward my requisition of this date for the sum of Thirty one thousand and twenty four dollars and ninety nine cents ($31024.99) for salaries, wages, and Contingent expenses, for the month of July 1794. being one twelfth of the appropriations for the next fiscal year. An early remittance is desirable, to enable us to enter upon the year with funds on hand.

Very Respectfully

[signature]

Superintendent

Hon. N. R. Fitzhugh
Director of the Mint
Washington D.C.

June 29 4

Sir,

The small paper box sent by you June 28th contained lumps of native carbonate of copper. We tried it for silver, without finding any; but the quantity was quite too small to make a reliable assay. There should be at least half a pound, whereas only a few grains were sent.

Very respectfully
your obt servt

Jas Ths

Hon: H. R. Linderman
Director &c &c

June 29 64

Sir

The new trade dollar weighs 420 grains; the silver dollar (yen) of Japan weighs about 416 grains; same as the Mexican dollar. Being all of the same fineness, you will at once see the difference of value; about one cent.

Yours respectfully

J. A. J. [illegible]

L. J. Edgerly Esq
Granville, Ills.

June 29th 64

Sir:

By request of the Director of the Mint, you will please pro-
-pare at your earliest convenience,

Six (6) Obverse Trade Dollar dies, and

Six (6) Reverse Trade dollar dies,

for the Mint at Carson.

I am advised that the dies for the trade dollar
in use at that Mint, have not stood well, supposed to be burned
or some defect in the hardening. I have to request that you will
examine into the matter and ascertain whether the metal was
injured in any way.

Very Respectfully

J. Pollock

Superintendent

Wm. Barber Esq
Engraver of the Mint

July 1 74

Sir

Enclosed herewith I forward the following documents.

1. Report of coinage executed during the month of June 1874.

2. Statement of Minor Coins redeemed, reissued, exchanged and delivered to the Melter and Refiner during the month of June 1874.

3. Statement of the same for the year ending June 30. 1874.

Very Respectfully
Your Obt Servt
Acting Supt

Hon.
H. R. Linderman.
Director of the Mint
Washington
DC

June 30 7

Sir

At the close of business this day I made the usual monthly count and examination of the monies in the hands of the Cashier of the Mint, with the following result.

Gold	$1.106.537.11
Silver	116.740.67
Ordinary Account	18.078.62
" Acc Minor Coinage	4.790.81
Minor Coinage Account	102.700.00
" Coins Exchanged	1.005.79
" " Reissued	9.950.00
" Coinage Redemption Acc	141.577.14
Total	$1.501.377.87

which corresponds with the books.

I also made examination into the general condition and operations of the Mint and the Institution

was

was found to be in good working order, and its business conducted in a careful and satisfactory manner.

Very Respectfully
J. A. Reed
Superintendent

Hon.
Chas. E. Leiderman
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

July 2 7

Gentlemen.

Your letter of the 1st inst at hand this morning.

The progress of our annual settlement at the close of the fiscal year has inadvertently delayed formal notice that your Copper has been received, assayed and accepted. To obtain payment it will be necessary for you to forward duplicate receipted bills for the amount signed by the firm (and not by a clerk for the firm) with authority to some one here, endorsed on the back of each bill, to sign the receipt for the money at the bottom of the warrant on the Cashier of the Mint which I issue in payment. I enclose form of the bill,

with the endorsment referred to.
One of the bills is to be filed here,
and the other forwarded to the
First Auditor of the Treasury,
with my quarterly account.
Do you know no correspondent
in this city who could act for
you. Mr. Geo. B. Thompson, Agent of
Adams Express Co. located in the Mint,
could receipt for the money if you
so direct, and forward to you
by Express. or Bank Check. The Mint
has no facilities for remitting by
check or draft. Perhaps one of
your firm could present the bills
in person at our counter.

Very respectfully
Jos. Lovell
Supt

Messrs.
Wm. Gwynn & Co.
Baltimore
Md

July 27

Sir

I duly received your letter of June 22d ult. remitting $2.32 to make good that amount of deficiency in $10.000 redeemed minor coins transferred from your office to the Mint.

Very Respectfully
Jas Ferguson
Supt.

L. Haven, Jr. Esq
Asst Treas. U. S.
Boston
Mass.

July 3rd 4

Sir

I transmit herewith my a/c of Ordinary Expenses for June 1854.

A Supplemental a/c will be forwarded as soon as some outstanding bills can be brought in and settled.

Very Respectfully

Jas. Pollock

Superintendent

Hon. A. K. Lincheman
Director of the Mint
Washington
D. C

July 6 7

Sir

Will you be pleased to sign and return a pr ned the medal vouchers sent you with the medals a few weeks ago. Our Quarters accounts cannot be filed without them. and we are now waiting for your receipt. These delays disturb the regular order of business here, Also send the $10. for work done outside the Mint.

Your immediate attention will oblige.

Yours Respectfully
Chas Leach
Capt

Rev J Avery Shepherd
St Clements Hall
Ellicott City
Md

July 6 4

Sir

Your letter of the 1st inst. acknowledging my remittance of the 29th ult. states the amount only $112.77 which is $100. less than the amount of the B/E forwarded to you. I herewith return your letter and have to request that you acknowledge the correct amount $212.77.

Very respectfully

[illegible]

L. M. Law. Esq.
Collector of Customs
Rochester
N.Y.

July 6 7

Sir:

The bar of metal sent by you to the Mint for analysis, mentioned in your letter of the 29th ult. has been received.

Upon examination it proved to be chiefly tin with but slight trace of gold or silver, for which we make no charge. For a regular assay the Mint charge is $5.00.

We have no means of giving you the information desired in relation to spice. markets, and refer you for that to any of the following firms of this city. Merchant & Co. Naylor & Co. Taylor Nathan- Trotter & Co. Will hold the bar subject to your order.

Very respectfully

Jas. Pollard

Supt.

A Palacio. Esq
New Orleans.

July 7 4

Sir

Your remittance by Express of $701. gold coin, unaccompanied by any letter of advice, reached the Mint on the 1st inst. and guided by a memorandum found in the bag, Mr. Geo B. Thompson, the Adams Express Agent located in the Mint building, had it received and the nett proceeds $702.91 deposited with the Asst Treasurer U. S. at Philadelphia, to the credit of the Treasurer U. S. on account of duties on imports. I enclose herewith letter from Mr Thompson, together with the B/E in triplicate No 1315. and triplicate Mint Memorandum No 635. one to be retained by yourself, the other forwarded to the

Treasury Department.

I have to request that you send me a special acknowledgement of the receipt of this letter and the same on my official vouchers.

Very Respectfully

Thos Corcoran
Supt

Lyn B Stevens Esq
Collector of Customs
Milwaukee.
Wis

July 7 74

Sir

I herewith forward statement of annual assay coins and deliveries for the quarter ending June 30. 1874.

Very Respectfully

Superintendent

Hon
H. R. Linderman
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

July 8 74

Sir

Enclosed herewith I forward statement of gold and silver workings in the Coiners department during the month of June 1874.

Very Respectfully

J. A. Lloyd

Superintendent

Hon

H. R. Linderman

Director of the Mint

Washington

D.C.

July 8 4

R. Haren Jr. Esq.

Sir,

Agreeably to your request the half eagle of 1832, sent by you, has been assayed and found to be 842 fine (instead of 900) and of course counterfeit. The value is $4.65 (gold) the equivalent of which is herewith returned, as you requested.

The person who executed this piece, deserves to be complimented for his skill. The weight, diameter, & fracture are all right, & the thickness only about $\frac{1}{250}$ inch in excess, which it would take a nice touch to distinguish.

You will find a short notice of this counterfeit in a pamphlet sent herewith, (column 3 of page 5. It was no doubt made with dies (lately patented) produced by striking a genuine coin into soft steel. It does not make a sharp impression, but is very deceptive.

Very respectfully

Jas. Ross Snowden

July 9 4

Dear Sir,

It gives me pleasure to receive yours of June 2d, with a statement of the assays of U. S. dollars.

I observe you make them generally a little higher than our standard, say average of 900.7. Probably most of them were coined at the San Francisco Mint, where I think they run slightly higher than we do. The error is on the right side, however.

I presume your assays are made in the humid way, & not by cupellation.

We have long since assayed from granules, instead of cuttings, having proved by abundant experiments how entirely inaccurate the latter are, as representatives of fineness.

I accept your offer of future statements of the same kind; your experience in silver being almost unequalled.

I trust you have received the last Annual Report of the Director of the U.S. Mints, to June 30, 1873. It contains, in the Appendix, extracts from your letter to me in regard to the coinage of British India.

Our Assayer has also recently sent you a Pamphlet, containing Experiments in Assaying by the Spectroscope, which I am sure will interest you & other officers of your Mint. We think it is conclusive against the use of Spectrum Analysis in Mint assaying.

We have sent these pamphlets by the Steamer from San Francisco to Japan &c., "the back way," and I would be glad to know, from your next letter, whether this is a strictly reliable mail. — If you have not rec'd. either of the above documents, they will be sent via England.

Will you kindly respond

[illegible]

July 9 7

Sir

I am in receipt of your favor of the 28th of June ultimo. with its enclosures from Messrs Thomas Turton & Sons, Sheffield. in reference to a lot of steel for dies, selected in 1872 for this Mint.

Not hearing from the steel referred to, I was obliged to make other arrangements, and have procured a satisfactory article from other parties, in quantities sufficient to answer our purposes for several years to come. I will therefore not need the steel now offered by the Messrs Turton,

I thank you however

very cordially for your communication and the interest you have taken in the matter, and remain

Very truly Yours
Edw. Pellew
Capt

B. F. Stevens, Esq.
U.S. Despatch Agent.
London
Eng.

July 10th 4

Sir

Enclosed find Medal and Proof Coin Reports of Coiner for Quarter ending June 30th 1874, as follows:

A. Fine and Standard Gold and Silver used in Manufacture of Medals
B. Copper used in the Manufacture of Medals
D. Gold Proof Coins
E. Silver Proof Coins
J. Gold Medals
K. Silver Medals
H. Bronze Medals.

Also Superintendents Report of Medals and Proof Coin as follows;

C. Gold Medals
I. Silver Medals
C. Gold Proof Coins
F. Silver Proof Coins
G. Bronze Medals

(over)

All of which is Submitted in accordance with regulations

Very respectfully

Superintendent

Hon H. R. Linderman
Director of the Mint
Washington
D. C

July 11 4

Sir.

Please draw your Transfer Order for Ninety Nine Hundred and Fifty (9950) Dollars for Coins withdrawn from your Redemption Fund and reissued.

Very Respectfully Your

Joe Brent

Supt.

Hon. F. E. Spinner
Treasurer U. S.
Washington
D. C.

July 11 74

Sir

Enclosed I forward for transmission through your office, a letter to the Secretary of the Treasury enclosing Statement of Old Material Sold during Quarter ending June 30th 1874, and Certificate of Deposit No 1119 for the same.

Very respectfully

Superintendent

Hon H. R. Linderman
Director of the Mint
Washington
D. C

July 11 74

Sir

Enclosed I forward Statement of Old Material Sold during the Quarter ending June 30th 1874, together with the Certificate of Deposit No 1119 for the same

The 25¢, referred to in last report, has been deposited.

Very respectfully,

Superintendent

Hon B. H. Bristow
Secy of the Treasury
Washington
D. C

July 18 74

Sir

I herewith forward Statement of the Coinage executed at this Mint during the fiscal year ending June 30. 1874.

Very Respectfully

[signature]
Superintendent

Hon.
H. R. Linderman
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

July 13 74

Sir

Enclosed herewith I forward the following documents.

1. Melter and Refiners Gold account from April 1. 1873. to June 30. 1874.
2. Melter and Refiners Silver account for the same period.
3. Copy of Melter and Refiners letter under date of July 13 74 1874. explaining the foregoing accounts.
4. Statement in settlement of Coiners accounts made with the Superintendent June 30. 1874.
5. Copy of Coiners letter under date of July 10. 1874. in explanation of his Statement.

The results presented by these exhibits are highly creditable and satisfactory.

Very Respectfully

[signature]

Superintendent

Coon

Pl. R. Linderman

Director of the Mint

Washington

D.C.

July 14 4

Sir

In the temporary absence of the Superintendent of the Mint I herewith return the statement of old material sold, (enclosed in your letter of the 13th inst.) duly signed.

Very Respectfully
H G Hickox
Acting Supt

Hon.
H. R. Linderman
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

July 17 7

Sir

By order of the Director of the Mint, you will please prepare at your very earliest convenience, the following dies for the Mint at San Francisco. viz

Double Eagle.	Obverse	6
" "	Reverse	6
Trade Dollar	Obverse	12
" "	Reverse	24

You are requested to make them one quarter of an inch longer than those now in use.

Very Respectfully
H C Hinrichs
Asst Supt

Wm Barber. Esq
Engraver
U.S. Mint.

July 14 7

Sir

I herewith forward the following statements for the month of June 1874. Viz.

1. Deposits and Purchases of Gold and Silver Bullion.
2. Gold and Silver of domestic production.
3. Bars manufactured.

Very Respectfully
H E Bishop
Acting Supt.

Hon.
H. R. Linderman
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

July 14 7

Sir

In compliance with your instructions under date of the 12th inst. an order has been issued to the Engraver of the Mint, to prepare at his very earliest convenience, the following dies for the Mint at San Francisco, viz

Double Eagle	Obverse	6.
"	Reverse	6.
Trade Dollar	Obverse	12
"	Reverse	24

and to make them one quarter of an inch longer than those now in use, as requested by the Coiner of that Mint.

Very Respectfully
H C Kirk
Acting Supt

Hon. H. R. Linderman
Director of the Mint.

July 14 74

Sir

I am compliance with your request of the 13th inst I herewith return our Medal Account for the second quarter 1874. with the discrepancy corrected, and vouchers furnished, as called for in your letter.

Very Respectfully
H. G. Nickerson
Acting Supt

Hon.
W. R. Linderman
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

July 14 7

Sir

One double eagle, and one trade dollar, Ass coins from the Carson Mint, for the month of June 1874 have been received at this Mint.

Also two packages of annual assay coins from the Carson Mint, for the quarter ending June 30. 1874.

Very Respectfully
H. C. Ricketts
Acting Supt

Hon
H. R. Linderman
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

July 15 4

Dear Sir

I will thank you to furnish me with a Statement of the weight, fineness, and value of the grains received by the Superintendent from the Deposit Melting room, also the assay value of the bullions from the Deposit Melting room during the period embraced in the last annual settlement; and a statement of the deductions from gold and silver made by the Melter and Refiner during the same period.

Very Respfly
H. C. Hickox
Acting Supt

Mr. W. L. Cochran
Deposit Clerk

July 16 4

Sir

Your remittance of the 20th of June last, by registered letter of silver three cent pieces, was duly received. There is no law authorizing the redemption of silver coinage, and as the pieces you sent were mostly in a worn and damaged condition, the best that could be done was to melt them down and recoin them into half dollars. This was accordingly done, and the net value five dollars, in half dollars, are herewith remitted to you by the Adams Express Company.

The weight before melting was 9 ozs; after melting 8.90 ozs.

Fineness 770. Weight in standard ozs (9/10 ths fine) 7.61. value as above stated $9.00

I refer you to the enclosed circulars, and will thank you to acknowledge the receipt of the money sent.

Very Respectfully
Wm Hancock
acting Supt

Dolan. H. Moore Esq.
Cashier
N.Y.

July 15 74

Sir.

In compliance with your request of the 14th inst. I herewith forward a copy of the letter and statement of June 2. 1874. from Col Wyde. Master of the Calcutta Mint. exhibiting the results of their assays of over two hundred ~~thousand~~ trade dollars.

Very Respectfully
H E Hickok
Acting Supt

Hon
H. R. Linderman.
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C

July 15 7

Sir

Your letter of the 14th inst. calling for a statement in detail of the Melter and Refiners Silver Wastage for the fiscal year ending June 30. 1872. was received to day, and its contents communicated to that officer, a copy of whose reply, of this date, I herewith respectfully submit for your consideration.

Very Respectfully

H C Kennedy

Acting Supt

Hon.
H. R. Linderman.
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

July 15 4

Sir

In reply to your inquiry of the 14th inst. I find upon consultation with the Melter & Refiner and the Coiner that we are ready at any time to receive for coinage a portion of the gold Bullion from the New York Assay Office, referred to in your letter

Very Respectfully
Yr. obt. Servt.
Acting Supt

Hon.
H. R. Linderman
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

July 16 4

Sir

I herewith return your letter of the 14th inst. acknowledging the receipt of two Trade Dollars on a/c of Invoice No 27, that you may correct an inadvertance in the statement of the amount, which should be $4000

Very Respectfully
Your Obt Servt
Hitchcock
Acting Supt

Thos L. Acton, Esq
Supt U. S. Assay Office.
New York.

July 10 4

Sir

Referring to your request of the 14th Inst. I herewith forward statement of the amount of old copper cents in the redemption fund; also of the one cent nickel, and two cent bronze pieces in the same fund; and the mutilated minor coins of other denominations.

Very Respectfully
H. Hickok
Acting Supt

Hon.
W. R. Linderman.
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

July 16 74

Sir

Enclosed I forward our Melter and Refiners State-ment of Gold Meltings and Silver Meltings respectively, for the months of May and June 1874.

Very Respectfully
W. L. Hickok
Acting Supt

Hon.
H. R. Linderman.
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

July 17 4

Sir

The foreign letter referred to in the second paragraph of your letter of the 16th inst. was from B. L. Lloyd. Esq. U.S. Despatch Agent. London. about an old lot of Sheffield steel for dies.

I enclose herewith a copy of the letter and its enclosures. Also a copy of the Superintendents reply.

Very Respectfully
Your Obt Servt
Acting Supt

Hon
H. R. Linderman
Director of the Mint
Washington
DC

July 17 4

Sir

I have to day forwarded by Express to the Carson Mint, a sealed box containing six (6) obverse, and six (6) reverse Trade Dollar dies prepared for that Mint in pursuance of directions contained in your letter of the 27th of June, ultimo. I enclose duplicate receipt of the Adams Express Company. Also copy of a communication from our Engraver in reply to the complaint of the Superintendent of the Carson Mint that the dies for trade dollars, last sent, had not stood well, showing that the fault is not with him.

Very Respectfully

A. Loudon

Acting Supt

Hon. H. R. Linderman
Director of the Mint

L. R. C.

July 17th 74

Sir.

In closing up the Matter of Refiners Bullion &c. for the Fiscal Year, the matter of allowing him credit for the excess wastage of 1873, viz- Ozs. 941.89 = $1103, comes up for adjustment. Mr Hunt, Mr. Preston stated when he was here, that I should give the Melter & Refiner Credit for it as Bullion delivered in settlement, and that the final closing of the matter would be made by my account stated in Washington. The only objection there is to such a mode of closing the ozs. is, that it compels me to give the Melter & Refiner a credit for just so much bullion delivered in settlement, which is a fiction, and which it is desirable to avoid, if possible. Will it not answer just as well to authorize me to charge the loss against the Profit &

Loss &c, and there for the Department to transfer the Sum appropriated ($1103.) to my credit there as an offset to the previously named Charge. This will be a much more satisfactory mode to settle this difference, and I trust it may be adopted.

Very Respectfully Yours
H. E. Hickox
Actg Supt.

Hon. W. H. Lindsmore
Director of the Mint
Washington
D. C.

J.R.L.

July 18 71

Sir

Before sending my Bullion and Coinage a/c for the 2d quarter 1874, I would respectfully solicit your advice as to the mode in which, under law I should dispose of the Wastage incurred in the Coining of the Trade Dollar. Whether Section 2 by 4th contemplates the charging of all or only a part of the Wastage against the Silver Profit & Loss a/c. remains an open question, and yet by a strict reading of the law it seems, (as there is no other provision for such wastages) that we might be justified in doing so, if the Trade Dollar can be regarded as a Coin. In the manufacture of Silver bar there is more or less wastage and the question should include that also. There could be some difficulty

difficulty in apportioning the wastage, and if, in your opinion, under the law we can charge the whole Silver wastage against the Silver Profit & Loss a/c, our matters would be considerably simplified, and trouble avoided.

Will you please instruct me as to what mode would be acceptable to yourself, And satisfactory to the accounting Officers.

Very Respectfully

H C Hickok

Acting Supt

Hon H. R. Linderman

Director of the Mint

Washington

D. C.

July 18 4

Sir

We have the coins mentioned in your letter of the 17th, except the 20 fr. of Austro-Hungary, and the silver of the Roman Empire, alone one mark. These latter, from one mark down (including nickels &c.) have been presented to our Cabinet by Mr. Wharton: the larger pieces we are daily expecting from Mr. Stevens.

It might be well to have duplicate pieces, for assay.

Percy's Metallurgy, a standard work, has been in use here for some years (since 1861) but as his new work includes Assaying (as you say) it would be well for us to have it, for the sake of comparison. We rarely find the printed treatises fully posted up; and

in fact, no book can make an Assayer; nothing but daily experience. And when a man retires from it for a considerable time, he has to learn it over again.

Very respectfully
your obt Servant
H C Hickok
Acting Supt

Hon: N. B. Lindeman
Director &c. &c.

July 18 4

Sir

In compliance with your request of the 14th inst. I herewith send you a Statement of the weights, fineness and value of the grains received by the Superintendent from the Deposit Melting room. also the assay value of the sweeps from the Deposit Melting room during the period embraced in the last annual settlement; and a statement of the deductions from gold and silver made by the Melter and Refiner during the same period.

Very Respectfully
H C Hickcox
Acting Supt

Hon.
W. E. Lindeman
Director of the Mint.

July 18 4

Sir

I find that we are entirely out of blanks on which to make the monthly report of official postage stamps used and on hand. I have to request that you will give directions to have a supply of these blanks forwarded to the Superintendent.

Very Respectfully
W. C. Kirkpatrick
Acting Supt

Hons
H. R. Linderman
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

July 20 1

Sir

Your letter of the 11 inst requesting me to send you by Express C. O. D. three (3) half dollars gold coins, has been received.

The U.S. Mint has never issued any gold coins of less denomination than one dollar ($1.00). I am not able therefore to fill your order.

Very Respectfully
Your Obedient
Acting Supt

James B. Simpson Esq
Fort Gaines
Ga.

L.A.L.

July 20th 74

Sir

As requested in your (R.E.P.) letter of the 14th inst. I hand you herewith a statement of the Ordinary A/c. for the Fiscal year ending June 30th 1874.

I have withheld this A/C. for the reason that I could not forward it completed, as there are a number of Contracts dating in the last Fiscal year, and which can not be fulfilled before the 1st proxims. You shall have a similar Supplemental Statement at the earliest practicable moment; and all other reports and accounts due from this Office will be furnished without any unnecessary delay.

Very Respectfully Your Ob't Servt

H C Hickok

Hon. H.R. Linderman Acting Dep't
Director of the Mint
Washington D.C.

July 20 74

Sir

Referring to your letter (R.L.) of the 27th of June ultimo. I herewith forward, in compliance with your request, an account of all light gold coin received at this Mint from the different Independent Treasury officers and recoined, from January 1. 1874. to June 30. 1874. inclusive; with the nett proceeds and loss, separately and in the aggregate. as specified in your letter.

Very Respectfully
H C Hickok
Acting Supt

Hon. B. H. Bristow
Secretary of the Treasury.
Washington
D.C.

July 20 4

Sir

I herewith forward the following statements for the fiscal year ending June 30. 1874.

1. Gold and Silver Deposits and Purchases.
2. Gold and Silver of Domestic production.
3. Bars manufactured.

These statements are correct, but there were errors in some of the monthly statements heretofore forwarded to you, which should be corrected as follows.

July 1873.

Gold parted from silver should read $481.98.

Silver parted from gold should read $1.290.38

August 1873.

Silver parted from gold should read $970.54

October 1873

Fine gold bars should read $14.844.47.

Very Respectfully
W. E. Hickox
Acting Supt

Hon
H. R. Linderman
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

July 20 1874

Sir

I have to day received by mail from the Mint at San Francisco, one Double Eagle and one Trade Dollar. Ast assay coins for the month of June 1874.

Very Respectfully
J.A. Hinkle
Acting Supt

Hon.
H. R. Linderman
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

July 21 4

Sir-

The one cent piece enclosed in your letter of the 17th inst, is worth one cent, and no more. The rumor you speak of, that such cents are worth a premium, has no foundation in fact.

Very Respectfully
Your Friend
Supt

Mr. A. P. Dunamond.
Merango
Iowa.

July 21 7

Sir

I herewith forward for your approval the official Bond dated April 1. 1873. of James. G. Booth Esq. Melter and Refiner of this Mint. together with the accompanying affidavits three in number.

The sureties in the bond are amply sufficient.

This bond was handed to me on the 17th inst.

Very Respectfully
A. M. Pollock
Superintendent

Hon
H. R. Linderman
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

July 21 4

Sir

In reply to your inquiry of the 16th inst. I have to report that the following persons are no longer in the employ of this Mint.

General Department.

Joseph Butler, Cabinet @$4.00 per diem.

Coiners Department

Jacob Lower, Roller, @$3.00 per diem.
Mrs. C. Lawrance, Adjuster, @$1.75 per "

They had been absent on sick leave without pay, but not reporting for duty, have been dropped from our rolls.

Mr Butlers age and infirm health unfit him for duty; Mr Lower is in an insane asylum; and of Mrs. Lawrence I have

have had no information for many months.

Very Respectfully

C. [illegible]

Superintendent

Hon.
H. R. Linderman
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

July 21 4

Sir

I have received your letter of the 20th inst. requesting an explanation of the small amount of deposit gold reported for the period covered by the last annual settlement, and who at the time of the settlement a bar of nearly $1.000 in value was in the custody of workmen instead of in the Melter and Refiners vaults.

I have made a partial investigation of these subjects, but cannot complete it without a conference with the Melter and Refiner, who is absent. Upon his return in a few days, I will examine fully into the matter,

and

and report to you.

Very Respectfully

Superintendent

Hon.
H. R. Linderman
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

July 22 74

Sir

Herewith I forward the Semi-Annual account of the Assayer, to June 30th 1874, of Moneys received for Assays of Ores and Samples of gold and Silver not deposited, together with Certificate of Deposit No 1149 for the amount received viz. $66.00.
Also letter to the Secretary of the Treasury on the same subject. All of which please forward to their proper destination

Very respectfully,

J. W. Paul
Superintendent

Hon H. R. Linderman
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

July 22 4

Sir

Agreeably to the Regulations in the case of the Assayer, I herewith enclose his Semi-Annual account, to June 30th 1874 of Moneys received for Assays of Ores and Samples of gold and Silver not deposited.

I also enclose Certificate No 1149 of the Deposit of the Amount, $66.00, with the Asst Treasurer of the U. S. at this place.

Very respectfully

W. Postley

Superintendent

Hon B. H. Bristow

Secretary of the Treasury

Washington

D. C.

July 22 4

Sir

Enclosed I forward my requisition of this date for the following amounts for the service of this Mint for the month of August 1874, being one twelfth the appropriation for the current fiscal year. viz.

Salaries	$ 3.108.33.
Wages	20.833.33
Contingencies	7.083.33

and have to request that a draft be forwarded in time to reach me not later than the first of the month.

Very Respectfully

A. R. Eckey

Superintendent

Hon.
H. R. Linderman.
Director of the Mint
Washington

July 23 4

Sir

Yours of the 21. st inst. is at hand.

The specimen of metal you sent to the Mint for assay was received here in a wooden box. The same bar of metal you sent was returned to you in a bag, with memorandum of our assayer giving the correct value, being composed principally of tin and lead.

Yours Respectfully
Jas. Pollock
Supt
per W.P.

W. Shaw.
Boston
Mass

July 23 74

Sir

I have received to day by Express, from the Mint at San Francisco, a sealed box reported by the Superintendent to contain annual assay coins to the amount of $4.059.00 for the quarter ending June 30 1874.

Very Respectfully

J. W. Pollock
Superintendent

Hon.
H. R. Linderman
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

July 23d 74

Sir:

In accordance with instructions in your letter of July 21st 1874. we have delivered to the Melter & Refiner for melting, Ninety five hundred thirty six 96/100 (9536 96/100) dollars Old Copper Cents, less 148 96/100 dollars, making the net amount delivered Ninety three hundred and eighty seven 70/100 (9387 70/100) dollars. The 148 96/100 dollars are in 2d Bronze Coin and were taken from that acct which was over and placed in the Old Copper cent acct which was short same amount, on April 1st 1873. and has been carried as Old Copper Cents since that time. The error occured with the Counters the first year of the Redemption, under the late Treasurer.

Very Respectfully

J. C. Pickrell
Superintendent

Hon. A. R. Spaldeman
Director of the Mint
Washington D.C.

July 28 4

Madam.

Your note of the 17th inst has been received.

In consequence of the long continued ill health and absence of Mr Butler his name has been dropped from the list of Employés of the Mint and so reported to the Department at Washington. I was surprised at your wish for his return. His age, infirmities and inability to discharge the duties of any place here ought to suggest to all who regard his welfare, the absolute necessity of his retirement from public life

With all my regard
for him personally. I
cannot in justice to him-
self, and to the Govern-
ment approve of his return.
In addition to this
the Government has ordered
a reduction of our force,
and I cannot violate the
order by reappointing Mr
Butler. The authorities
would not consent to this
Yours Respectfully
Capt

Mrs Butler.
1030 N. 10th St.
Philadelphia

July 23 4

Sir,

The Assayer requests me to report, that he has just made duplicate assays of several pieces of 20 and 10 Kronor (Crowns) the new Scandinavian gold coins of Sweden, Norway and Denmark. They result precisely 900 fine.

It is gratifying to observe such exactness in their work; and also, our exact correspondence with them.

These coins were reported in the last Annual Statement; but without actual assay, as we had not then obtained any pieces. The 20-kronor weighs 0.288 oz. and is worth $5.35.8; the 10-kronor in proportion.

Very respectfully
your ob't serv't

Jas. Pollock
Supt.

Hon. A.R. Linderman
Director &c. &c.

July 23d 41

Wm D. Lewis Esq.

Dear Sir I C. Parker Esq. Co

M. C. Co 3d Chestnut St Phila.

Sir;

Enclosed please find statement of the Mint Drafts of the Subscribers Receivers &c

Do Do — 1 Bbl 37 Kegs Cents &c.

Do Do — 2 Bbls Superintendents Do.

Which you will kindly credit

Payments for the above to be made in

Cents Co as to full weight and the Surplus

to be retained at the Mint.

I am directed to request

Signed &c for receipt

Very respectfully

Your Obt Servt

Superintendent

Statement of Mint Sweeps.

12/15/120	[illegible]	4167	11821	24552	363 75
131 to 145		6536	181366	64352	2457 18
485	[illegible]	141	18922	3038	189 60 2 Bbls
		615	168144	14913	1317 57 1 Bbl & 2 kegs
		307	14085	2443	165 28 1 Bbl
	Superintendents	871	6670	4777	1144 47 2 Bbls.
		12,081	346708	114077	4,607 85

July 23d 44

Dr Joseph W. Farnum
253 South 16th St
Phila

Sir,

Enclosed please find Statement of the Mint Assay of 25 Bbls Melter & Refiners Sweeps
do do — 2 . 24 Kegs Coiners do
do do 2 . Superintendents do
for which your bid is respectfully desired.

Payment for the above, to be made in Double Eagles of full weight, and the sweeps to be delivered at the Mint.

Your bid is requested on or before August 1st proximo.

Very Respectfully
J. W. Ellard
Superintendent

Lbs ℔ oz ℔ oz

Statement of Mint Sweeps.

121 to 130	Mint Refiners	4067	11821	24554	36375
131 to 145	Do	6036	181366	64352	245718
485	Coiners	141	15922	3038	18960 2 Kegs
	Do	615	116844	14913	131757 1 Bbl & 2 Kegs
	Do	357	14085	2443	16528 1 Bbl
	Lights	871	6670	4477	11447
		12081	℔ 346708	114077	℔ 460785

July 23d 1864

Messrs. Roberts & Sons
233 South 2d
Newark, N.J.

Sirs,

Enclosed please find Statement of the Mint Assays of 25 Bbls Melter & Refiner's Sweeps
Do Do 2 " Sweeps Corners Do
Do Do 2 " Superintendents Do
for which your bid is respectfully desired.

Payment for the above to be made in Do. the Ears is of full weight, and the Sweeps to be delivered at the Mint.

Your bid is requested in or before August 1st proximo.

Very Respectfully

Jno. Patterson
Superintendent.

Lbs $ ¢ $ ¢

Statement of Mint Sweeps

121 to 130	In Refiners	4067	11821	24557	363 75	
131 to 145	Do	6036	181366	64352	2457 15	
475	Coiners	141	15922	3038	189 60	2 Kegs
	Do	615	116844	14913	1317 57	1 Bbl & 2 Kegs
	Do	357	14085	2443	165 28	1 Bbl
	Smelts	871	6670	4777	114 47	2 Bbls.
		12,085	346708	114077	4607 85	

July 23d - 44

Mess. R. Longmans' Sons
31 John St
New York.

Sirs;

Enclosed please find Statement of the Mint Assay of 25 Bbls melting & Refiners Sweeps
Do Do 2 " 4 Kegs Coiners do
Do Do 2 " Superintendents do.
for which your bid is respectfully desired.

Payment for the above to be made in Double Eagles of full weight, and the Sweeps to be delivered at the Mint.

Your bid is requested on or before August 1st proximo.

Very Respectfully
J. [illegible]
Superintendent.

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Statement of Sugars.

121 to 130	Mr & Refiners	4067	11821	24554	363 75
131 to 145	Do	6536	131366	64352	24577 18
485	Coloreds	141	15922	3038	189 60 2 Kegs
	Do	615	116844	14913	1317 57 1 Bbl + 2 Kegs
	Do	357	14085	2443	165 28 1 Bbl
	Supts	871	6670	4777	114 47 2 Bbls
		12081	346708	114077	4607 85

July 23rd 44

Messrs C. S. Dennis & Sons
58 & 60 Walnut St
Newark N.J.

Sirs;

Enclosed please find Statement of the
Mint Charges of 2c Bbls melter's Refiner's Sweeps
Do Do 2 " " Legs Coiner's Do
Do Do 1 " Superintendents Do.
for which your bill is respectfully desired.

Payment for the above to be made
in Double Eagles at face in gold, and the
Sweeps to be delivered at the Mint.

Your bill is requested on or before
1st proximo.

Very Respectfully
J. R. Snowden
Superintendent

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Statement of Mint Sweeps.

121 to 130	Mint Refiners	4307	11821	24554	36375
131 to 145	Do	6036	181366	64352	245718
485	Coiners	141	15922	3038	18960 2 Kegs
	Do	615	116844	14913	131757 1 Bbl 2 Kegs
	Do	357	14085	2443	16528 1 Bbl
	Supts	871	6670	4777	11447 2 Bbls
		12087	$346708	$114077	$460785

July 23d 1.

Messrs Shaw, Howard & Waters
1st Jacket St. New York.

Sirs:

Enclosed please find Statement of the Mint Assay of 25 Bbls Melting Refiners Sweeps
Do Do 2 " 44 Kegs Coiners Do
Do Do 2 " Superintendents Do
for which your bid is respectfully desired.

Payment for the above to be made in Double Eagles of full weight, and the Sweeps to be delivered at the Mint.

Your bid is requested on or before August 1st Instno.

Very Respectfully
Your Obt
Superintendent

lbs ℔ oz ℔ oz

Statement of Mint Sweeps.

121 to 130	M. Refiners	4067	11821	245574	363 ℔5
131 to 145	Do	6036	181366	643552	2457 ℔ 18
146 to	Coiners	141	15922	30038	189 60 21 Kegs
	Do	615	116844	149713	1317 5℔ 1 Bbl & 2 Kegs
	Do	357	14085	24442	165 28 1 Bbl
	Sweeps	871	6670	47777	114 47 2 Bbls
		12,08.	℔ 346708	℔ 1140777	℔ 4,607 85

July 23d 1

Messrs Dodge Bailey
21 Broad St (Room 61)
New York.

Sirs:

Enclosed please find Statement of the Assay of 25 lbs Melter & Refiners' Sweeps
do do 2 " 24 Kegs Coiners' do
do do 2 " Superintendents do
for which your bid is respectfully desired.

Payment for the above to be made in Double Eagles of full weight and the Sweeps to be delivered at the Mint.

Your bid is requested on or before August 1st proximo.

Very Respectfully
Jas Pollock
Superintendent

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Statement of Mint Sweeps

121 to 130	Machiners	4067	11821	24557	36375
131 to 145	Do	6036	18366	64352	245718
485	Coiners	141	15922	3038	18960 2 Kegs
	Do	615	116844	14913	131757 1 Bbl & 2 Kegs
	Do	357	14085	2443	16528 1 Bbl
	Smiths	871	6670	47717	11447 2 Bbls.
		12.081	£ 346708	£ 114077	£ 46078 5

July 24 4

Sir

Your letter of the 23d inst, enclosing a three dollar gold piece to be exchanged for one of 1874, has been received.

Enclosed find the three dollar gold piece of 1874 as requested.

Very Respectfully
Your Obt
Superintendent

Hon
H. R. Linderman
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

July 24th 1854

Theo. Adams Esq.
533 North Broad St
Phila.

Sir,

Enclosed please find Statement of the Mint Assay of 25 Bbls Melter and Refiners Sweeps
do do — 2 " 44 Kegs Coiners do
do do — 2 " Superintendents do
for which your bid is respectfully desired.

Payment for the above to be made in Double Eagles of full weight, and the Sweeps to be delivered at the Mint.

Your bid is requested on or before August 1st proximo.

Very Respectfully
Jas. Pollock
Superintendent

Statement of Saint Thomas.

121 to 130	No 1	Refined	4064	118 21	24 53 44	363 75
131 to 145		Do	6036	1813 66	643 52	2457 18
445		Loaves	141	159 22	30 38	189 60 2 Kegs
		Do	615	1168 44	149 13	1317 57 1 Bbl + 2 Kegs
		Do	357	140 85	24 43	165 28 1 Bbl
		Soft	871	60 70	47 77	114 47 2 Bbls.
			12081	3467 08	1140 44	4607 80

July 24 4

Sir

I have appointed Theodore Hackett, of Philadelphia, laborer in the general department of this Mint, at $2.75 per diem, to take effect August 1. proxims, in place of Edwin L Walton, then to be retired; and respectfully submit the same for your approval under the 4th Section of the Coinage Act of 1873.

Very Respectfully
A. L. Pollock
Superintendent

Hon.
H. R. Linderman
Director of the Mint
Washington D.C.

P.S.
Recommended by Hon A.G. Warner.

July 23 4

Dear Sir

The bits of stone are ordinary hornblende, with no metallic signs, except that one piece is tinged with copper.

If you wish them tried for gold or silver, it will be necessary to prepay the expense, which is five dollars.

Resp'y yours

J. A. Phillips

Supt.

E. Payton.
Wheatland
Wy

July 24 1874

Sir

Your letter by mail of the 17 inst, and the two bottles of water by Express, have been received.

The Mint does not make assays for private parties, except of the precious metals, or mineral specimens supposed to contain them, and therefore cannot undertake the analysis of your samples of water.

It can be done however for you, if you so desire, by Messrs Booth and Garrett analytical Chemists. Chant St. above Chestnut. Phila. or by Prof Genth. of the University of Penna. Phila.

Your bottles of water

will be retained by the Adams Express Agent, until your instructions can be received.

Very Respectfully

J. A. Richardson, Esq
Denver
Col

J. A. Collins
Supt

July 25th 4

Messrs. C.S. Dennis & Son
Newark. N.J.

Sirs,

Your favor of 24th inst is at hand, and in reply I have to say, that it is contrary to our custom to draw samples from the sweeps, as it re=duces the weight, and would estab=lish a precedent which we could not grant to all our bidders.

Trusting that we shall receive your bid under the usual terms and manner,

I am Very Respectfully
Yours &c

H.T. Polzer
Superintendent

July 25th 44

Sir

I herewith enclose letter, and Certificate of Deposit No. 1166, of this date, for Forty five thousand dollars (45.000) on account of Profits on Minor Coinage, to the credit of the Treasurer of the U. S.

I will thank you to hand them to the Secretary of the Treasury

Very Respectfully Yours

J. A. Paxson

Superintendent

Hon. H. R. Linderman

Director of the Mint

Washington D.C.

July 25th 4

Sir

I herewith enclose Certificate of Deposit No 1166, of this date, to the credit of the Treasurer of the United States, for the sum of Forty five thousand dollars ($45.000), on account of Profit on Minor Coinage; deposited with the Assistant Treasurer of the United States at Phiadelphia

Very Respectfully Your

J. R. Snowden
Superintendent

Hon B. H. Bristow
Secretary of the Treasury
Washington D.C.

July 25th 74

Sir

Enclosed I forward the Coiner's Weekly Report of the coinage executed for the week ending July 25th 1874

Very Respectfully Yours

J. P. Stewart
Superintendent

Hon H. R. Linderman
Director of the Mint
Washington D.C.

July 27 1864

Dear Sir

My appointment of Theodore Hackett as Laborer in the Mint at $2.75 per diem, has been confirmed by the Director of the Mint. You will please request him to report for duty on Monday August 3. bringing with him the enclosed official oath which must be taken and subscribed before an Alderman.

Yours truly
Jas. Pollock
Supt

Hon.
A. C. Harmer. M. C.
Philadelphia
Pa

July 27 7

Sir

Referring to your notification of the 25th inst to make the necessary arrangements for the reception of light gold coin from the Treasury Department, I have to suggest that the transfer of these coins to the Mint be delayed for two or three weeks on account of the absence, on their summer holiday, of many of our employés immediately connected with coinage operations, Until their return these coins had better remain in the custody of the Department rather then of the Mint.

Very Respectfully
E. O. Leech
Superintendent

Hon.
H. R. Linderman
Director of the Mint.

July 27 4

Sir

Your letter of the 22d inst was received to day.

About the 28th of May I received by Express a small package containing mineral specimens that upon examination proved to be of no value. As it was not accompanied by any letter of advice, it was laid aside, Your miscarried letter of May 26. arrived about a month afterwards, but the specimens had been mislaid. probably thrown out as rubbish

If you will forward other samples, accompanied by $5. currency, the regular assay charge. to cover the expense of the operation, I will have them regularly assayed, and forward you a report of the result.

Very Respectfully
Ed. Crook Supt

Mr. Peter Mathiesen
St Joseph Mo.

July 28th 74

Sir

I transmit herewith my Balance Sheet for the year ending June 30th 1874, as required by Sec. 44, Coinage Act. 1873.

I also enclose a statement of the Wastage necessary to be covered, (in order to protect the Bullion Fund,) the deductions being insufficient since the transfer to the U. S. Treasury of the Balance of Charges on hand July 1st 1872, Viz. $9686.75.

I also enclose a statement of the Mint Coinage &c, showing the Coinage, profits &c to June 30th 1874.

Very Respectfully Yours

Superintendent

Hon. H. R. Linderman
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

July 28 4

Sir

I will thank you to mail me a printed copy of the Mint appropriations made at the late session of Congress. I need it for reference in preparing estimates for the next fiscal year.

Very Respectfully

J. Ross Snowden

Superintendent

Hon

H. R. Linderman

Director of the Mint

Washington

D.C.

July 28 74

Sir

I herewith forward the following documents.

1. Statement of the Gold and Silver accounts of the Melter and Refiner and the Coiner, of this Mint, from April 1. 1873. to June 30. 1874. and in settlement.

2. Statement of Base Coinage accounts of the Melter and Refiner and the Coiner, of this Mint, from April 1. 1873. to June 30. 1874. and in settlement.

The respective reports of the Melter and Refiner and Coiner, have already been forwarded to you, and their receipt acknowledged.

Very Respectfully

Jas. Pollock
Supt

Hon. H. R. Linderman,
Director of the Mint.

July 28 /74

Sir

I herewith forward Statement in detail of the abrasion &c. of light gold coin, received at this Mint, during the years 1873. and 1874.

Very Respectfully

[signature]
Superintendent

Hon
H. R. Linderman
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C

July 29 4

Sir

Your letter of the 26th inst, informing me that the Secretary of the Treasury had instructed you to suspend until further order the manufacture of minor coins, and asking me to furnish you a statement of those coins now in the redemption fund, has been received.

I enclose the statements required, Nos 1 & 2, to July 27. 1877. The amount of all issuable denominations on hand July 27. 1877 was about $60.000. Since then $ 6.000 have been withdrawn for cleaning and reissued.

The averaged daily demand is from $1.500. to $2.000. A short time ago

ago I received in one day orders for over $6000.

I have reduced the force in the copper melting room, so that now only two furnaces can be run instead of six. We are engaged, among other things, in melting the old copper cents, (ten tons) which will require some time.

With the present demand for minor coins, our reduced force &c, it would not be good policy to suspend the manufacture of the minor coins, even for a brief period. Suspension would necessarily lead to the discharge of our skilled workmen, unless they should be continued without work on full pay, which would be a rather expensive reform. We must retain our present skilled force, not only for minor coin-

age,

but to aid in the gold and silver melting rooms when required, as is often the case. The re-coinage of the nickel bronze cents ought to be continued, and also the minor coinage, with discretionary powers to reduce or suspend as the exigency of the case may demand.

I will forward in a few days the calculation of the profits on the re-coinage of the nickel bronze cents now in the redemption fund. You may safely calculate the profits at 10 per cent.

Very Respectfully
Jas. Pollock
Superintendent

Hon. H. R. Linderman
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

July 29 4

Sir

Your letter of the 20th inst. asking explanation of the small amount of grains delivered to the Superintendent from the Deposit Melting Room from April 1. 1873 to June 30. 1874; also requesting a close investigation of the allegation that a "bar of about $1.000 in value" remained in the custody of two workmen in the ingot room, and not in the vaults of the Melter and Refiner &c. has been received.

In accordance with your request I have given both subjects a full and careful consideration; personally, and by Messrs. Pickett, Bowers Stewart and

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and Cochran, as aids.

Generally, I say that the implied charge of wrong and misconduct in both cases has no foundation. but is an unfair and unfounded suspicion arising from an entire ignorance of the facts. I regret that statements and insinuations of this character should be communicated to the Director without having been first brought to my notice. My first knowledge of such suspicions was derived from your letter. I will not name the originators of these charges, as you this is unnecessary.

After satisfying myself of the true state of the case, I requested Prof Booth to communicate to me his explanation

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both of the grains and bar, and all the facts connected with them. This he did in two letters; one, on the subject of the grains, dated the 27th inst; the other, on the bar, dated the 28th inst.

On careful reading, and after full examination had, I am satisfied that these letters contain a full, true and unprejudiced statement of all the facts in these cases examined; and the true reason for the seemingly small amount of grains delivered during the period referred to, and I now present this letter, and the letters enclosed, as my report on the subject.

Very Respectfully

Supervising Insp

Hon.
H. R. Linderman.
Director of the Mint.

July 29th 1.

Sir,

Your letter of the 22nd inst covering a "memorandum" of a proposed new method of accounting for Silver Bullion has been received, and considered, but as there has been and still remains to be prepared a number of Statements for your office, I have had to defer a reply to the above until now.

As far as the matter of adopting the coining rate of the Subsidiary Coin as a standard for Silver is concerned, the change might be made to $1.29 1/16 per Oz if it is to be adhered to. The practice of changing the value of Silver necessarily leads to embarrassment which it is desirable to avoid. But there is one difficulty which arises at the start in adopting the

the form of rendering Mint Ofs according to your sample. You propose crediting the Coiner with "Trade Dollars" and "Subsidiary Coin" separately, charging the Superintendent with these Coins in different accounts. At present it is necessary, that the Superintendent should keep these Silver Coins under one head, carrying the Bars from the Melter & Refiner into the same account, for the reason that Certificates of Deposit call for Trade Dollars, and Subsidiary Coin in payment, and also Subsidiary Coin and Bars in payment. When a Gold Certificate calls for Silver Coin, or vice versa, an adjustment can be made between the Gold and Silver Coinage Ofs. But if we were to carry

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"Trade Dollar" a/c - "Subsidiary" & "Silver Coinage a/c" & "Bar a/c" as provided we could not adjust the balances; indeed I do not see that we could open a single Certificate against two separate a/c's, without running a risk of incurring great and unnecessary trouble, involving a complication of accounts embarrassing and dangerous.

As regards the payment of depositors, the plan provided would result in a serious complication of routine as well as of accounts, something to be avoided where avoidance is within easy range of possibility.

We will suppose that a deposit is made for Silver Bars, the weight gives the Depositor a receipt in gross.

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The bullion passes through the Dep. Melting Room, and the assay is made. The Depositor presents his receipt at the proper desk and the C.D. corresponding is issued. This C.D. calls for so much value in Bars and so much in Subsidiary coin, together aggregating the net value of the deposit. Under the plan proposed the depositor must return his original receipt to the Weigher who must issue two receipts, one for Bars, the other for Subsidiary Coin. Two C.D.'s must issue to correspond with the receipts.

Again a person deposits bullion for Trade Dollars. After assay it is found that a fraction of a dollar must be paid in Subsidiary Coin. The original receipt must then be canceled, and two new ones issued,

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one for Trade Dollars and the other for the Subsidiary Coin remainder. Precisely the same duplication of labor and complication of what at present is a very simple matter, must result when deposits of Gold are made and the bullion contains Silver. Indeed the plan proposed will inevitably complicate Mint Accts, whereas experience has thoroughly demonstrated the fact that every change in such matters ought to be in the nature of simplification, rather than of complication.

It seems to me, that on the whole, the present system cannot be improved, and as to the objection to an "adjustment a/c" the charging of differences to "Silver Profit Fund" amounts to very much the same thing, while it leads

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that a/c with charges and discharges, and at the same time gives a forced value to an ounce of Silver Bullion; when, in fact the rate of purchase is the actual value. It is my opinion, clearly and emphatically, that these proposed changes should not be adopted, and at their approaching Dec one clerks and accounting officers agree. "Let well enough alone"

Sincerely hoping that you will consider these objections I am

Very Respectfully Yours

Jos. Pogson
Superintendent

Hon. H. B. Linderman
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

July 30 4

Sir

I have to report that the dies for the Agassiz medal are completed, and I shall send you two of the medals to day by Express, one for yourself and one for the Secretary of the Treasury.

We are of the impression here, that the medal is a very creditable specimen of art.

I propose to fix the price at $1.00. the usual price for bronze medals of this description.

Very Respectfully
Jas. Pollock
Superintendt.

Hon.
H. R. Linderman
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

July 30 4

Dear Sir,

So far as mere inspection goes, the mineral you have sent has none of the features of a silver-bearing ore. And besides that, the region of country you are in, is not the place to find silver, so far as we can rely on natural science, and actual experience of facts.

If you wish this sample tried for silver, it will be necessary first to pay the expense, which is five dollars. We do not try for zinc, or base metals.

And as for buying your mine, you may be sure we do not engage in that business.

Yours truly

J. W. Taylor Supt.

Mr. E. H. Vaughan
Waterford
Loudoun Co.
Virginia

July 30th 74

Sir.

The sweeps sold bearing a loss of $ 1191 42 returned to us yesterday on the accumulation of the fiscal year ending June 30 - 1873 -

Very Respectfully Yours

J. W. Pollock
Superintendent

Hon H. K. Linderman
Director of the Mint
Washington
D. C.

July 30 64

Sir

In pursuance of the direction contained in your letter of the 28 d ultimo, I, in connection with the operative officers of the Mint, examined the number of the employees, for the purpose of determining what reduction of force could be made without interfering with the proper dispatch of business, and now report, with the consent of the proper operative officers, that the following reductions have been made to take effect on the 31 st of July inst.

Wm. M. Rumble.	Supt of Deposits.
Robt J. McGee.	Painter.
John Glasper.	Asst Engineer
Edwin L Walton.	Laborer

J. Mitchell. Laborer.
Mrs. Mary. Atkinson. Scrubber.
Thos. C. Pollock. Register of Rolls. compensation reduced from $6. per diem to $3. per diem from July 1st 1874. and resigned to take effect August 31. 1874.
H. E. Rulon. Door Keeper resigned to take effect August 31. 1874.

Coiners Department.

Reduction
Jas. P. Thompson. Cutter.
Mrs. Sarah H. Ryne. Adjuster.
" E. Bond "
Miss A. Nicholes "
" Ida. H. Forbes. "
" L. Nebinger "
" A. R. Wilson "
" A. M. Pell. "
" E. Thornton "
" Kate Stacy Coining Room. resigned to take effect July 31. 1874.

Melter and Refiners Department.

John Huntly.	Melter
Wm Gibson	Helper.
Geo. W. Riley	"
L. Daughtry	"

The resignations and reductions number twenty two, mail and female. Without imparring the efficiency of the Mint this number cannot be increased. Indeed, it is more than probable, that should our gold and silver coinage be increased as it may be, some of those now stricken from the roll will have to be recalled.

Very Respectfully

Jas. E. Long
Superintendent

Hon
H. R. Linderman.
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

July 30 4

Sir

I herewith send the Report of the Assayer on single pieces of Coin from the San Francisco and Carson Mints.

As I understand from the regulations in the case, this is the final report of this kind; those two Mints hereafter checking each other's work.

Very respectfully
your obt servant
J. Ross Snyder
Supt

Hon. H. R. Linderman
Director &c. &c.

July 31 4

Sir

In reply to your letter of the 21 st inst, asking for a detailed estimate of the cost of coining $3 3 3.000. (including the metals) in 5 cent nickel pieces for the Government of Ecuador, I enclose copies of estimates made by the Melter & Refiner and Coiner. The estimate of the Melter & Refiner includes the nickel and copper at the prices paid by us lately for these articles. The cost of assaying is estimated at $5 00.

The estimates made do not include dies, which may be placed at $1000. as the breakage of dies is very great. This sum will probably cover the expense of dies.

Taking then the data thus furnished, we will have the cost in <u>detail</u> as follows.

Nickel	$56.894.30	
Copper	13.558.28 =	$70.452.58
Labor &. Melter & Refr.		13.570.00
Coiner's Dpt. Expense		4.545.00
Assaying		500.00
Dies. Tax.		1.000 00
		$90.067.58

This is a very close estimate and does not include all the wear and tear of machinery &c. Considering this and other items that are not estimated, the cost of manufacturing $388.000. into 5 cent nickel bronze coin including metals will not be less than $100.000. that is.

Nickel and Copper	$70.452.58
Labor and Incidentals	29.547.42
	$100.000.00.

At this cost the profit to the Government of Ecuador would be $232.000. My opinion is that we ought not to contract to furnish the metal and manufacture the amount proposed ($333.000) for less than the sum named by me. You now have the data and can judge for yourself. I will only add that the estimate of the Joiner for wear and tear of machinery is, I think, below what it must necessarily be, when we consider the extreme hardness and brittleness of the nickel coins, and the breakage of machinery and dies in consequence.

Very Respectfully

Your Obed't

Superintendent

Hon.
H. R. Linderman.
Director of the Mint.

July 31st 4

Sir

Will you please confer with the Treasurer U.S., and have me credited upon his books as early as possible with the balance of the loss on the recoinage of light gold Coins.

The transcripts which I render Since weekly contain a balance between the nominals and recoined value, of $ 46.679. yet unpaid, and as the elimination of that Sum must be made by entries upon his books, I am anxious that it should be done as early as practicable.

Yours Respy

J. R. Snowden
Superintendent

Hon H R Linderman
Director of the Mint
Washington.

July 31 74

Sir

I have this day received from the Assayer, the coin equivalents of certain pieces sent here for assay, from the Mints at San Francisco and Carson, during the first half year of 1874. viz

From San Francisco.

Gold coin	$80.00
Silver "	6.50
	$86.50

From Carson

Gold coin	$145.00
Silver "	6.00
	$151.00

In all two hundred and thirty seven ~~$~~ dollars. $237.50.

Under the new Regulations

this closes our special assay coin account, as hereafter these coins will be sent respectively to San Francisco and Carson City Mints for assay.

Very Respectfully

Jas. Pugh
Superintendent

Hon
W. R. Linderman.
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C

P.S.

I have notified them to draw on me for their respective amounts, payable in gold and silver coin.

J. P. Smith

July 31 4

Sir

I have received from the Assayer the coin equivalents of certain pieces sent here for assay from the Mint at Carson, during the first half year of 1874. viz.

Gold coin	$145.00
Silver "	6.00
	$151.00

You will please draw upon me for the above amount payable as follows.

In gold coin	$145.00
" Silver "	6.00 in trade dollars
	$167.00

Please state in your draft the consideration. viz. Gold and

silver special assay coins for the 6 months of 1874. ending June 30. 1874.

Under the new Regulations this closes our special assay coin account, as hereafter these coins will be sent from your Mint to San Francisco for assay.

Very Respectfully

Jno. Pollard

Supt.

Frank D Hetrick. Esq
Supt U. S. Mint
Carson City
Nev.

July 31 4

Sir

I have received from the Assayer the coin equivalents of certain pieces sent here for assay from the Mint at San Francisco, during the first half year of 1874. viz

Gold coin	$80.00
Silver "	6.50
	$86.50

You will please draw upon me for the above amount payable as follows.

In gold coin	$80.00	
" Silver "	5.00	in trade dollars
" " "	1.00	" subsidiary coin
	$86.00	

Please state in your draft

the consideration. viz. Gold and silver special assay coins for the 6 months of 1874 ending June 30. 1874.

Very Respectfully
Jos. Lesesne
Supt

Gen. A. L. Lagrange
Supt. U. S. Mint
San Francisco
Cal

P.S.

Under the new Regulations this closes our special assay coin account, as hereafter these coins will be sent from your Mint to Carson City for assay.

J. L.

July 31 74

Sir

Enclosed herewith I forward Statement of Minor Coins Redeemed, Recoined and Exchanged at this Mint during the month of July 1874.

Very respectfully
Your Obt Servt
Superintendent

Hon.
H. R. Linderman
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

July 31st 41

Sir,

I herewith enclose copy of a letter from Prof. Booth to me, containing the calculation referred to in your letter of the 15th inst. "of the gain on the nominal value which would be realized (disregarding the cost of coinage) from the recoinage of the several amounts (of the old coppers and mutilated 3s & 5s into 5c pieces, taking into account the amount of nickel which would be required to bring the whole mass to the present standard of the nickel 5c-piece."

The gain as appears may be thus stated: Giving every allowance for loss or errors in calculation, it cannot be less than $200.000.00 even more than I stated in my letter of yesterday, in which I said it could not be less

less than 150 per ct.

Every consideration of Public interest requires that the gain should be secured to the Government, and the re-coinage of these pieces ordered.

Very Respectfully Yours

A. Elliott

Superintendent.

Hon H. R. Linderman
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

August 1st 4

Sir:

At the close of business yesterday July 31st I made the usual monthly count and examination of the monies in the hands of the Cashier of the Mint, with the following result.

Gold	1,066,752.12
Silver	75,319.80
Ordinary Account	26,402.88
Mint Coinage Account	57,206.66
Mint Coins Exchanged	1,006.79
do do Reissued	21,935.00
Mint Coinage Redemption Fund	140,180.08
	$1,388,401.81

which corresponds with his books.

I also made examinations into the general condition and operations of the Mint, and the Institution was found to be in good working order, and its business conducted in a careful and satisfactory manner.

Very Respectfully

A. Elliott

Superintendent

Hon. N. R. Linderman
Director of the Mint
Washington D.C.

August 1st 1874

Sir:

In compliance with Treasury Circular of June 1st 1874, I herewith forward a list of the Officers and Employees of this Mint, with their designation, where born, date of appointment, and compensation.

This list has been delayed some days by the absence of a portion of our clerical force on the summer vacation, and until a material reduction just made in our working force could be completed.

Very Respectfully

Supt.

Hon. B. H. Bristow
Secretary of the Treasury
Washington, D.C.

Aug 1st 4

Sir

I have today forwarded to the Secretary of the Treasury in compliance with his circular of June 1st a list of the Officers and Employees of this Mint with their designation, where born, date of appointment and compensation.

This list has been delayed some days by the absence of a portion of our clerical force on the summer vacation and to enable me to complete the reduction just made in our working force.

When you examine the list you will observe that I have made a slight, but material improvement in the headings designating the different departments.

Very Respectfully

J. R. Snowden
Supt.

Hon. A. R. Linderman
Director of the Mint
Washington D.C.

August 1st 74

Sir

In reply to your letters of July 29th & 30th concerning the settlement of our Gold Wastage &c. I beg to state that the unexpended balance of the Incidental Appropriation for 1873-74 will be at the Close of business this day about the Sum of $11.000—
Thus leaving due on Requisition 2.000—
Total $13.000—
The Wastage to be provided for is, as you know the Sum of $12.093.61 and with Gold at a premium of 9 1/4 % the balance on hand would be insufficient to liquidate it. But in compliance with your request I have made a careful Computation of the Proportion of Wastage likely to be Recouped of Light and

Coins, and have as the result the sum of $ 7.91 yet. Cts. I must fully agree with you, that the Appropriation for the expenses of the Recoinage of these light Coins should bear the above Mintage.

Your Very Respectfully

Jas. Pollock

Supt

Hon N.B. Lindeman
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

Aug 3rd 64

Gentlemen.

Your bid for 29 Bbls & 4 Kegs White Swaps, as per Statement furnished, at a deduction of (.06½) Six and one half Cents per lb. is accepted.

Please let us hear from you without delay.

Yours Very Respy

Supt.

Messrs E. Gallach & Son
233 River St.
Newark
N. J.

Aug. 3 64

Gentlemen.

Your bid for 4 Nos 29 B62 & 81 Regd Mint Dowels is respectfully declined.

Very Resp'y

Jas. Pollock
Supt

Messrs C. L. Norris & Co
No. 38 & 40 Walnut St.
Newark
N.J.

Aug 3d 4

Gentlemen.

Your bid for 29 Bbls
24 Kegs Lard oil is respectfully
declined.

Very Respectfully
Jas. Pascoe
Supt

Messrs Spear, Seward & Slates
17 John St.
New York

Aug. 3 44

Gentlemen,

Your bid for the 29 Bbls & 25 Kegs Mint Drops is respectfully declined.

Very Respectfully Yours

J. W. Pollard
Supt

Messrs. Longman & Son
31 John St.
New York

August 3 4

Sir

Enclosed herewith I forward Monthly Report of the Coinage at this Mint during the month of July 1874.

Very Respectfully
A. Loud
Superintendent

Hon
H. R. Linderman
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

August 4

Gentlemen

In reply to your inquiry of July 31st, I have to say that the Mint does not strike such tokens as you enclosed in your letter and which I herewith return as requested. Under the Coinage Act of 1873, it is a criminal offence to make or circulate such pieces.

Very Respy
J. Ross Snowden
Supt

Messrs. Berry & Sanford.
St Paris
Ohio

August 4

Sir

Enclosed I forward the oath of loyalty of Theodore Hackett, recently appointed Laborer in this Mint.

Very Respectfully

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Superintendent

Hon
H. R. Linderman
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

August 3 4

Sir

Referring to your letter of July 13th ultimo, I have this day forwarded to the Superintendent of the Mint at San Francisco, by Express, in a sealed, iron bound box, the following specified dies for that Mint, in accordance with your directions, viz.

Double Eagles	Obverse	6.
"	Reverse	6.
Trade Dollars	Obverse	12.
"	Reverse	24.

As requested the dies were made one quarter of an inch longer than those heretofore forwarded.

Duplicate Express receipt

receipt is herewith enclosed.

Very Respectfully

E. J. R. Powell

Superintendent.

Hon.
H. R. Linderman
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

August 3 4

Sir

Mr. Geo. B. Soley offers one hundred and fifty ($150) dollars for an old coining press that has been thrown aside and out of use for some years. I presume it is not worth more than the sum offered, and as old iron would not bring that amount, Under the circumstances I would recomend the sale, and with your approval will deliver the press. or at least so much of it as can be found to Mr Soley. all missing pieces to be supplied at his cost.

Very Respectfully

Hon. H. R. Linderman
Director of the Mint

Supt

August 3 4

Sir

I have this day deposited with the Asst Treasurer. U. S. at Philadelphia, the respective sums specified below, being the proceeds of the recoinage of light gold coin received from the Indipendent Treasury offices designated, viz.

No. 1214. For yc U. S. Depository Buffalo N.Y. $109.35
" 1215 " " Asst Treasurer Baltimore $20.010.24
" 1216 " " U.S. Depository Pittsburg $17.527.44
" 1217 " " Asst Treasurer. Boston $24.821.40

I herewith forward the original certificates of deposit. numbered as above. together with the corresponding Mint Memorandums, numbered 731. 732. 728. 730. and have to request that

You

you will acknowledge their
receipt.

Very Respectfully
Jas. Pettit
Superintendent

Hon.
B. H. Bristow.
Secretary of the Treasury.
Washington
D.C.

August 4

Sir

The recoinage of the $1.10/4. light gold coin forwarded to the Mint July 29 ult. as per your letter of that date, produced $1.09 1/2 in new gold coin, as per the enclosed Mint Memorandum No. 786. which I deposited to day with the Asst Treasurer U. S at Philadelphia, as a transfer of funds on your account, and mailed the Cert No 1214 to the Secretary of the Treasury.

Very Respectfully

Supt

Rodney W. Daniels. Esq
U.S. Depository
Buffalo
N.Y.

August 4 4

Sir

Your letter of the 3d inst. enclosing for payment Mr M. V. Davis bill of $203. for services during the month of July, and part of August has been received this morning; but as my requisition for August which I mailed to you on the 22d of July, has not yet been honored, I am obliged to defer payment until that remittance is received. I will thank you to have the draft for August forwarded as soon as may be convenient.

Very Respectfully

Jno Powell
Superintendent

Hon.
H. R. Linderman
Director of the Mint
Washington

August 9 4

Sir

The recoinage of the $20.105. light gold coin forwarded to the Mint from your office July 30th as per your letter of that date. produced $20.010.24 in new gold coin, as per the enclosed Mint Memorandum No 702. & I have to day deposited the amount with the Asst Treasurer U.S. at Philadelphia. on your account as a transfer of funds. and forwarded the Ofs No 1210 to the Secretary of the Treasury.

Very Respectfully

Supt

Peter Negley. Esq
Asst Treas. U. S.
Baltimore
Md.

August 3 4

Sir

The recoinage of $25.000 light gold coin forwarded to the Mint from your office July 29 ult. as per your letter of that date, produced $24.000.00 in new gold coin, as per the enclosed Mint Memorandum. No 700. which I have this day deposited with the Asst Treasurer U.S. at Philadelphia, for your account as a transfer of funds, and mailed the b/d to the Secretary of the Treasury.

Very respectfully

[signature]

Supt

L. Haven. Jun Esq
Asst Treas U.S
Boston
Mass.

August 3 1

Sir

The recoinage of $17.700 — light gold coin, forwarded to the Mint from your office. July 28. as per your letter of that date. produced $17.627 74 in new gold coin, as per the enclosed Mint Memorandum No 720. which amount I have this day deposited with the Asst Treasurer U.S. at Philadelphia. for your account as a transfer of funds. and mailed the D/D to the Secretary of the Treasury.

Very Respectfully
Your Obt Servt
Dft

A. M. Cameron Esq
Acting Depositry. U.S
Pittsburgh
Pa

August 7 74

Sir

I have this day deposited with the Asst Treasurer. U. S. at Philadelphia. the sum of $28.936.74. being the proceeds of the recoinage of light gold coin received August 1st. from the Asst Treasurer U. S. at Cincinnati, and herewith forward the original Certificate of Deposit No 1220. together with the Mint Memorandum No 736. and have to request that you will acknowledge their receipt.

Very Respectfully

Jas. Pollock

Superintendent

Hon. B. H. Bristow.
Secretary of the Treasury,
Washington
D.C.

August 4 7

Sir

The recoinage of the $34.317.50, light gold coin forwarded to the Mint July 30. ultimo, as per your letter of that date, produced $30.906.74 in new gold coin, as per the enclosed Mint Memorandums, No 735. which I deposited to day with the Asst Treasurer U. S. at Philadelphia, as a transfer of funds on your account, and mailed the b/d No 1220, to the Secretary of the Treasury.

Very Respectfully
Jos. Reibel
Supt

Wm B. Davis. Esq
Asst Treas U. S.
Cincinnati
Ohio

August 6 4

Sir

Your unoffical note of the 30th ultimo, on the subject of disposing of the minor coins in the different Sub Treasuries, has been received, & have had so much business on hand, preparing reports &c, that I could not attend to the letter at an earlier period.

First: there is no redundancy of the minor coins: as evidenced by the large annual demand - last year over $500.000 - the accumulations in the Sub Treasuries being only about $70.000. since April 1. 1873. These coins have been redeemed, and therefore are money in the Treasury of the U. S: and should be

be paid out as such; and I believe, if the Sub Treasurers were required to pay those out that are issuable, and to advertise that these coins could be had at the respective Sub Treasuries in same manner as at the Mint in exchange for notes or drafts, and proper efforts made to ensure the success of the plan, thousands of dollars could be disposed of in that way. This should be done, and it is really the only legal mode of disposing of those coins that can be issued under the Coinage Act of 1873. The mistake was in giving the Sub Treasurer the right to redeem them. But that cannot be helped now.

Your suggestion to endorse the

the drafts sent here to the nearest Asst Treasurer to fill the orders, if carried out would create inextricable confusion - increase greatly my responsibility and accomplish no good. I would much prefer to return the drafts to the drawers, if we could not fill them, with directions to forward their orders to the nearest Asst Treasurer.

2. Although I am clearly of the opinion with you, as a question of law, the redeemed coins are money in the Treasury, and can only be used as such, or transferred from one Asst Treasury to another, and not to the Mint, which is not an Asst Treasury, or in any sense a depository of Treasury funds, yet if the

Authorities

authorities will take the responsibility of sending issuable coins here for redemption, in such quantities as our counters can easily count and dispose of, without excitement or rush, and not crowd and fill to repletion our limited vault rooms, we could receive, count & report to the Treasurer at Washington, and have the warrant issued to the proper party, precisely as in the case of coins sent here by individuals. This could be done, and is the very best thing after requiring the best Treasurers to pay them out or exchange them in the manner suggested, and as we do here.

The non-issuable coins, viz. the old copper cents, the nickel one cent, and the two cent pieces

and

could be melted or received on being sent here as might be deemed best to be received by weight and not by tale, as that would necessitate the recounting and bagging of the whole amount.

There can be no serious objection to the cleaning of the coins here before reissue, although regarded as current money in the Treasury after redemption,—no loss occurs, and the coin is improved in appearance.

I believe I have said all that is necessary to say on this subject. There is no redundancy, and if the Asst Treasurers were required to pay out, and exchange, as we do, the amount in their respective vaults would soon be diminished.

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of sent here gradually for redemption, as other coins are redeemed, they could be reissued or recoined as would best promote the interests of the Government.

Very Respectfully
Jas. Pollock
Superintendent

Hon.
H. R. Linderman.
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

August 5 4

Sir

I have forwarded today by the Adams Express Company, $247.69. in gold coin, and $262.60 in silver coin, proceeds of the gold and silver coin mentioned in your letter of advice dated July 31. 1874. and herewith enclose Mint Memorandums No. 704. gold. and 243. silver.

Very Respectfully

[signature]
Supt

Hon.
L. E. Spinner.
U. S. Treasurer.
Washington
D.C.

Augt 5 4

Sir

Your note of the 1st inst has been received.

There is no error in our count here. Our system of counting is perfect.

I referred your letter to the Agent of Adams Express Co. through whom all shipments are made, he says,

"I do not think it possible for a bag of ~~coin~~ to be short. The method of counting is such that there can be no mistake. They were given to me from the Cashiers room just as he received them, and are put up in large bags by me immediately in presence of at least 6 men.

The bags were sealed - put into sealed trunks, and forwarded unopened until they reach their destination; & cannot explain the short count, if any - they may have slipped from the bag, or not been counted correctly by hand.

Very Respectfully
Jas Bruce
Cash

W. P. Browne, Esq
Cashr. First Nat Bk
Independence
Iowa.

August 5 4

Sir

I herewith enclose two certificates of Deposit Nos 1225 and 1226. one of fifteen thousand and fifty ^{72} dollars. $15.065.22. balance Silver Profits for year ending June 30. 1874. $398.66 balance Silver coinage charges; the other for $914.^{56} balance Gold coinage charges for the same period. — deposit made this day by me to the credit of the Treasurer. U. S.

Very Respectfully

Yours.

B. H. Bristow
Secretary of the Treasury
Washington
D.C.

Superintendent

Aug 6th 1

Sir

Herewith I forward Certificate of Deposit No 1229 for One hundred and fifty Dollar on account of Old Materials Sold- by: One Old Coining Press to Geo. B. Soley – To-gether with letter to Secretary of the Treasury, which please forward to their proper destination

Very respectfully

[signature] Superintendent

Hon H. R. Linderman
Director of the Mint
Washington
D. C

Aug 6th 1

Sir

Enclosed I forward Certificate of Deposit No 1229 for One hundred and fifty Dollars on account of Old Material Sold by:— One Old Coining Press to Geo B. Soley.

Very respectfully
J. A. Curtis
Superintendent

Hon B. H. Bristow
Secretary of the Treasury
Washington
D. C

August 7 4

Sir

Enclosed find four specimen 20 cent pieces prepared as directed in one of your late letters. The design and execution are good, but the coin too much like the Quarter dollar in size and appearance, I have directed one or two other patterns to be prepared which will, I think, remove some of the objections to the coin - be equally artistic, and more easily distinguishable from the present Quarter. The coins are to be distributed as follows, one to yourself, two for your Cabinet - one for the Secretary of the Treasury.

The price will be paid out of

of the fund still here for the purchase of corn as these having been ordered prior to June 30. 1874.

Very Respectfully
Jas. Swett
Supt.

Hon.
H. R. Linderman
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

August 7 74

Sir

In accordance with your instructions in letters of July 31. 1874. I have this day sent to your address by the Adams Express Company, one Agassiz medal, in case, for Mrs Prof. Agassiz - one for Cabinet of Mint Bureau - and four others ordered to be sent C. O. D. The first three struck as specimens, being for Mrs Agassiz and Mint Bureau. will not be included in our Medal account at all. The bill for the four other is herewith inclosed, at cost.

Please sign the vouchers, and send me the amount of bill $8.00 at your convenience.

Yr

The case for Mrs Agassiz medal will be paid for by the Medal fund.

Very Respectfully
Jas Pollock
Superintendent

Col. Wm.
H. R. Linderman.
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

Aug. 7th 74

Sir.

In answer to yours of yesterday inquiring how I arrive at the amount $20,197.41 cts as the sum lost by wastage in light gold Coins recoined, I have to state; that such sum is obtained by taking the whole amount of Coinage and Bars made from April 1st 1873 to June 30th 1874 as the basis of the balance of the Wastage unprovided for, and giving the amount of recoinages during that same period its proportion. Thus -

Coinages from April 1st 1873 to June 30th 1874. $35,093,174.95
(including Bars manufactured).

The Balance of Wastage, as per my statement rendered was $12,093.67 which occured in the operations on that much metal. The recoinages included in the above sum amount to $20,817.189 cts, and the proportion

portion is stated above -
as $35.093.141.95 is to $20.817.459.04 so is
$12.093.37 to the amount - Viz - $7174.94.
This is considered to be the fair
mode of ascertaining the result required.

Very Respectfully Yours
Jos. Pollock
Supt.

Hon H.R. Linderman
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

Aug. 8th 74

Sir

Enclosed I forward Statement of the coinage executed at this Mint during the week ending August 8th 1874.

Very Respectfully

J. A. Pollock

Superintendent

Hon. H. R. Linderman

Director of the Mint

Washington D.C.

August 8th 4

L.O.

Please prepare at once Six (6) Barrels of Bass Wood Sawdust for the U.S. Mint at Carson, Nevada.

Make a Contract for freight through to Sacramento, California; and have packages marked

"U.S. Mint, Carson, Nevada
care of D. W. Earl
Sacramento. Cal."

Bills to be paid at Washington out of the Carson Mint Fund.

Yours Respy,

Jno. Pollock
Superintendent

Jas. B. Cowden Esq
U.S. Mint
Philada

Aug. 8th 11

M. V. Davis Esq.

Dr. Sir

I have this day for-
-warded p. r Adams Express, to
your address, Two Hundred and
Three Dollars, expenses &c of
yourself for July and two days
in August.

I enclose the Express Co's.
Receipt for the money.

Yours Truly

J. C. Pollock

reasons of the retirement of Mrs. Bond. Ten or twelve other ladies were retired at the same time, each attaching her case one of peculiar hardship, and no doubt each and all distressing. It gave me no pleasure to make the reduction, but orders from the proper authorities must be obeyed.

Regretting my inability under existing circumstances to reinstate Mrs. Bond, I am

Yours very Sincerely

Supt.

Aug. 8th 64

Mrs. M. S. Backe

Dear Madam

Your note of the 3d inst. in relation to Mrs. Bond, has been duly received.

You cannot regret more than I do the necessity of removing the female employes of the Mint; a necessity created in this case by order of the Government to reduce the force &c; an order that I cannot gainsay nor resist. The new law of 1870 changes my relation to the ladies employed here: my entire control is taken away, and therefore the enclosed letter of the Coiner, under whom the ladies are employed, will explain the

August 10 4

Sir

I enclose copy of a letter received from Prof Booth, complaining of the character of silver bullion received from the Assay office at New York.

There is something so manifestly wrong in much of the Bullion sent from that office, that some remedy should be applied to correct the evil. I had hoped that all difficulty in this direction had been removed. but such is not the case, as appears by the letter enclosed.

Yours Respectfully

[signature]
Superintendent

Hon.
H. R. Linderman.
Director of the Mint
Washington

August 10 4

Sir

The recoinage of the $2922. light gold coin forwarded from your office to the Mint, by Express, August 1st inst. as per your letter of that date, produced $2804.22 in new gold coin, which amount I have this day deposited on your account, as a transfer of funds, with the Asst Treasurer U. S. at Philadelphia, to the credit of the Treasurer U. S. and mailed the D/S No. 1242 to the Secretary of the Treasury.

I herewith enclose the Mint Memorandum No. 747.

Very Respectfully

Jas. Pollock
Supt

L. H. Baldwin. Esq
U. S. Asst. Treas.
Charleston. S.C.

August 10 4

Sir

Enclosed herewith & forward Ctf No 1242. for $2884.40 coin, deposited by me this day with the Asst Treasurer. U. S. at Philadelphia. to the credit of the Treasurer U. S. for account Asst Treasurer. U. S. at Charleston S.C. as a transfer of funds, being the proceeds of the recoinage of $2922. light gold coin, received at the Mint August 5. 1874. from the Asst Treasurer at Charleston S. C.

I also enclose duplicate Mint Memorandum No. 747.

Very Respectfully

Hon. B. H. Bristow,
Secretary of the Treas.
Washington.

Superintendent

August 10 4

Sir

I herewith forward my Estimate of appropriations required by the Mint of the United States at Philadelphia. for the service of the fiscal year ending June 30 1876, They are the same as the appropriations for the current fiscal year, except the last two items, for ores and coins, and new annealing furnaces.

Until this year we have always had an annual appropriation of a few hundred dollars, for the purchase of new and rare coins, and specimens of ores for the Mint Cabinet. the most valuable collection in the

the United States. The appropriation was inadvertantly dropped this year, but should be renewed for the small amount asked, to enable me to embrace such opportunities as may present themselves to make desirable additions to the Cabinet.

The appropriation for two new annealing furnaces is a necessity. They have been needed for several years, but from motives of economy we have endeavored to get along without incurring this additional expense. We cannot profitably do so any longer, nor without impairing the efficiency of the Mint and continued embarrassment to its operations. The amounts asked will be sufficient for the purpose, and will be judiciously expended.

I cannot refrain from again calling attention to the inadequate compensation of the officers and clerks of this institution. Leaving the salaries as appropriated, in the estimates proper, I reserve for this communication an earnest appeal for justice.

The estimate for the salary of the Superintendent is the amount now fixed by law, which is at least $1000. too low. Under the coinage act of 1873 the duties and responsibilities that had been previously devolved upon two persons, at an aggregate salary of $8000. are now imposed upon the Superintendent at a salary of only $4,500. Formerly there was a Director at $4,000. and a Treasurer at $3,000. Now

The Superintendent is charged with all the duties and liabilities of the Treasurer, in addition to his own responsibilities, but without any increase of compensation. It is respectfully submitted that the Superintendents salary ought to be not less than $6.000, and $6.000 would be more in keeping with the peculiarly delicate, and responsible duties of the position.

I earnestly recommend a corresponding increase in the salaries of the respective Heads of the operative departments of this Mint. They ought not to be less than $4.000 each.

I very much regret the unwelcome and unnecessary reduction made at the last Session of Congress in the salaries of my Cashier and

five clerks, below the amounts fixed under the Bringas Act of 1873. They should on the contrary, have been increased to the amounts very properly appropriated for the corresponding subordinates at the New York Assay Office. The clerical duties and responsibilities at this Mint are far more important and onerous than at the Assay Office, and should command, if any thing, a higher compensation than at that institution.

I may be pardoned for adding that in the opinion of all experienced Mint officers, the salary of the Director of the Mint at Washington, is greatly disproportioned to the responsible duties of the position.

Very Respectfully

Jas. Pollock

Supt

Hon
H. R. Linderman,
Director of the Mint

Aug 11th 1

Messrs C Balbach & Son
233 Union St.
Newark N.J.

Gentlemen,

I have to acknowledge the receipt of Thirty eight hundred and two & two 59/100 ($3822.59) Dolls in Gold Coin in payment for 29 Bbls and 11 Kegs Mint Sweeps.

As these sweeps contain valuable ore, I will be obliged if you will remove them at an early day.

With thanks for your prompt return I am

Very Respectfully

Jos. Pascoe
Superintendent

August 12 47

Sir

I this morning received notice by letter from the Asst Treasurer U.S. at Baltimore, that he had forwarded $3280. in 5ct nickels, $1050. in 2 cts, and $1215. in old copper cents, in obedience to instructions from the Department. What these instructions are I know not; but how are these coins to be received here, for redemption, as in other cases? which is the best mode, or on special deposit as made in the U.S. Treasury? & for redemption shall the warrant be drawn payable to the Treasurer U.S. at Washington, or

or to the Asst Treasurer at Baltimore? the person sending them. If to the Treasurer at Washington, a transfer order from him would be necessary.

Again I earnestly request that these coins be not sent at once, but at proper intervals, so that we can count them, and dispose of them properly and conveniently. We must also consider our vault room.

I have just learned that the Asst Treasurer at New York will send about $10.000 or more, tomorrow. This ought to be. They have as much room as we have here. Please consider this.

Very Respectfully

Hon. H. R. Linderman. Director of the Mint.

Jas Pollock
Supt

Augst 12 4

Sir

I have this day sent you by Adams Express Company. Eight hundred and twenty thousand, six hundred and ninety one 78 dollars ($820.691.78) in double eagles, on account of the proceeds of the recoinage of light gold coin, as per Mint Memorandum No. 746 herewith enclosed.

Enclosed find Express receipt for the same.

Very Respectfully

J. C. Boyd
Supt

Thos Hillhouse Esq
Asst Treas U.S.
New York.

August 4

Gentlemen

Bids are invited for the following Metals to be sold at this Mint, viz. about.

400 lbs old Steel
3 tons old cast iron
500 lbs " Wrought iron
200 " brass filings &c.

which can be seen at the Mint. Apply at the front door.

Bids per pound will be received until Tuesday the 25 th inst.

Very Respty

Messrs Morgan & Orr
Philadelphia

Dupt

Terms, cash on delivery.

August 18 4

Sir

I yesterday forwarded, as requested in your letter of the 31st ult. to U. S. Mint. Carson City. Nev. care of E. H. Carl. Sacramento. Cal. Sig Barrells bas wood saw dust. I have forwarded duplicate bills to the Director of the Mint. at Washington. for payment. Amount of bill $17.50. Enclosed find Bill of Lading, and Receipt of Union Line.

Very Respectfully
Jas. Pleasants
Supt

Frank L. Hatrick. Esq
Supt U. S. Mint
Carson.

August 18 74

Sir

On the 31st ultimo, the Supt of the U.S. Mint at Carson City requested me to furnish that Mint with six barrells of bass wood saw dust, and in accordance with that request, I yesterday sent to his address, by Union Line, the six barrells ordered, & enclose duplicate receipted bills for the same, amounting to $17.50. Will you please send to me for James B. Corden, or to him direct, the amount by draft or otherwise. We have no funds here for that Mint.

Very Respectfully
C. W. Leach
Supt.

Hon.
H. R. Linderman.
Director of the Mint

Aug 13th 4

Messrs E. Balbach & Son
233 River St
Newark N.J.

Gentlemen,

Enclosed please find "Bill of Lading" for Twenty nine (29) Bbls. and four (4) kegs Mint Sweets, Shipped you this day via Penn'a R. R. Co. as per your letter of instructions of 10th Inst.

Very Respectfully Yours
Jas Pollock
Superintendent.

Shipping mark M. & S. in Red Ink.
Charges of $2.00 for cartage to wharf to be collected by P.R.R. Co on delivery to you.

Aug 18 74

Sir.

I forward this day per Express
a box containing my Bounty & Cravat
etc. Vouchers for the 2nd Quarter 1874.

Very Respectfully

Jas Bond
Supt

Hon N. P. Lindsman
Comm of the Min
Washington
D.C.

Augst 14 4

Sir

Your postal card to the Secy of the Treasury, asking for catalogue of the coinage of the U. S. Mint, giving date of issue, has been referred to me for reply.

I have no catalogue such as you request, and am unable to give you the information desired.

I herewith enclose you list of medals and proof coins for sale at this Mint, and have mailed to your address the Annual Report of the Director of the Mint for 1871.

Very Respectfully
Jas. Pollock
Supt.

Mr. L. W. Cherrington
Lowell Mass.

August 18 4

Sir

I have this day deposited with the Asst Treasurer U. S. at Philadelphia. the sum of $1.692.63 being the proceeds of the recoinage of light gold coin received August 11. 1874. from the Asst Treasurer U. S. at Chicago. and herewith forward the original Certificate of Deposit No 12538. together with the Mint Memorandum No 176. and have to request that you will acknowledge their receipt.

Very respectfully

[signature]
Superintendent

Hon.
B. H. Bristow
Secretary of the Treasury
Washington
D.C.

August 10 74

Sir

The recoinage of the $1717.—
light gold coin forwarded to the
Mint August 5. 1874. as per your
letter of that date, produced in
new gold coin $1692.60. as per
Mint Memorandum No 776 enclosed,
which I deposited this day with
the Asst Treasurer U.S. at Phila-
delphia, as a transfer of funds
on your account, and mailed
the C/R No 1253 to the Secretary
of the Treasury.

Very Respectfully
Your Obed't
Supt

D. F. Webster Esq
Asst Treas U.S.
Chicago

August 14 74

Sir

I have forwarded today by Adams Express Company, $65.90. in gold coin, and $74.15. in silver coin, the proceeds of the gold and silver coin mentioned in your letter of advice dated August 10. 1874. and herewith enclose Mint Memorandum No 777. gold. and 203. silver.

Very Respectfully
Your Obt
Superintendent

Hon. L. E. Spinner.
U. S. Treasurer.
Washington
D.C.

August 14 4

To the Cashier U. S. Mint
Philadelphia

Sir:

You will please deliver to the Melter & Refiner from the Base Coin Redemption Fund, for Melting & Recoinage Ten Thousand (10.000 00/100) Dollars in 2 ¢ Bronze coin, as per authority of the Director of the Mint in his letter and telegram of 20th April 1873, also letter of 23d Jany 1874

Respectfully
Jas Pollock
Supt

Augst 15 74

Sir

Enclosed herewith I forward Coiners Weekly Report of Coinage executed at this Mint for week ending August 16. 1874.

Very Respectfully

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Acting Supt

Hon.
H. R. Linderman
Director of the Mint
Washington
D. C.

August 15 4

Sir

Enclosed I forward C/D. August 14. No. 65. from the Asst Treasurer at New York, in favor of the Superintendent of the Mint to the credit of the Treasurer U.S. for $820,691.78 on a/c transfer of the proceeds of the recoinage of light gold coin

Very Respectfully
The Director
Acting Supt

Hon.
B. H. Bristow.
Secretary of the Treasury.
Washington
D.C.

Augst 16 4

Gentlemen.

Your favor of the 14 inst, has been received.

We have recently procured a supply of copper, and will not need any for several months to come, Under the provisions of the Coinage Act of 1873. we can only buy such supplies upon proposals received after public advertisement in the newspapers.

Very Respectfully
H. E. Kinsley
Acting Supt

Messrs.
Edward Samuels & Co.
332 Walnut St
Phila